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YANKS INVADE MINDORO, 155 MILES FROM MANILA

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REINFORCED NAZIS HIT BACK AT PATCH'S TROOPS

F. D. R. SIGNS TAX FREEZE; TO OFFER PLAN TO BROADEN SOCIAL SECURITY

'Reluctantly' Approves Measure Keeping Levy at 1 Pct.—Up to Next Congress to Review Financing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).—President Roosevelt "reluctantly" signed today a bill freezing Social Security taxes for another year at the one per cent rate.

He announced he planned soon to recommend "a comprehensive plan for broadening and improving the Social Security system."

In a statement, Roosevelt rapped the knuckles of Congress for freezing the Social Security tax. This tax is now one per cent each on the payrolls of employers and the paychecks of employes. Without the legislation, the rate would have automatically increased on Jan. 1 to two per cent on each.

Congress had expected a veto of the freeze legislation. It had, however, enacted the bill by margins greater than the two-thirds necessary in each house to override a veto.

When Speaker Rayburn announced the President's action to the House, cheers arose in the chamber and many members who had been delaying a departure in expectation of a roll call on the question of overriding a presidential veto prepared to get away at once for the Christmas holidays.

The President's statement, made public at the White House, said he had felt in the past and still felt that scheduled increases in the social security tax, which have been repeatedly deferred by Congress, should be allowed to go into effect. Long-run financial requirements of the security system justified sticking to the schedule, he said, and an increase was consistent with wartime fiscal requirements.

Chairman Doughton (Dem.), North Carolina, of the House Ways and Means Committee, said he was "pleased that the President recognized the overwhelming majorities for the social security freeze in Congress as the sentiment of the people of the country in the first major issue since his re-election."

Roosevelt previously had indorsed a broader social security system. He gave no idea today of what he had in mind specifically,

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Slugged



MRS. MARIE LOUISE COLE

WOMAN WAYLAID, SKULL FRACTURED BY MAN ON STREET

Screams Cause Assailant to Flee—Police Arrest Suspect They Say Was Running Near Scene.

Mrs. Marie Louise Cole, wife of a Navy officer on duty in the South Pacific, was in a serious condition at St. Luke's Hospital today with a fractured skull suffered last night when she was attacked in the 5400 block of Enright avenue, a half block from her home.

She told police she was walking to her home, 763 Belt avenue, from a neighborhood library when she was struck on the head from behind. While fighting off her assailant, she was hit several more times on the head and was knocked to the ground, she said, her attacker fleeing when she screamed for help.

A few minutes after the attack and a block away from the scene, police arrested Carl Tate Williams, Negro janitor in a building at 4402 McPherson avenue, who was wearing blood-stained gloves. Police said his coat sleeves also were blood-stained and several strands of long hair were clinging to one sleeve.

Williams, 34 years old, and a former convict, denied knowledge of the attack and said he had been looking for a friend who is a janitor in a building in the neighborhood. He was held for investigation.

Detective Sgt. Edward Pardyke and Detective Hilbert Hungate arrested Williams at Delmar boulevard and Belt avenue after they saw him running south on Belt. While questioning him, they received a radio call to investigate a reported assault and found Mrs. Cole at the hospital.

Bleeding profusely from 10 deep scalp lacerations, Mrs. Cole walked to her home after the attack and then to the hospital. The wife of Lt. Robert Cole and the mother of a two-month-old daughter, Patricia, she lives with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Cole, at the Belt avenue address. She is 23 years old.

Police records show Williams served two workhouse sentences for automobile larceny and driving a car without the owner's consent and three penitentiary terms for automobile theft and burglary and larceny.

ALL CIVILIAN GOODS OUTPUT IS FROZEN BY WPB TO MEET VITAL WAR NEEDS

Order Against Exceeding Present Levels Designed to Discourage Shifting of Labor From Arms Plants.

By STERLING F. GREEN
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The War Production Board, in a drastic new move to meet vital war needs, has ordered that all civilian production be frozen indefinitely at present levels.

The order, dated Dec. 7 and circulated within the WPB but not announced, is designed to discourage the movement of labor from war plants into peacetime activity while heavy demand continues for some vital weapons and material.

In effect a hold-the-line order on production, the ruling instructs the WPB staff neither to increase civilian goods production above the level of this quarter nor to relax existing orders if increased output would result.

The move was based on the theory that the volume of civilian goods now programmed is sufficient to meet essential requirements and avoid hardship on the home front.

Two Reservations.

Some slight leeway for expansion was left, however, by two mechanisms provided in the order, which was signed by Samuel Anderson, WPB's program vice chairman:

First, the Office of Civilian Requirements or other agency speaking for a segment of the domestic economy may seek an increase in production by making a "positive demonstration" that a program is clearly below "essential requirements." Even so, rejection will result unless the increase can be made "without serious threat of interference with more essential production," the order states.

Second, the "spot" plan for consumer goods production by individual factories which are not needed for war work is continued in effect and is made the sole method of increasing output of any article above the officially approved level.

This might mean an increase in "spot" authorizations in areas which have relatively plentiful labor supply, but the Government recently barred new spot approvals for 90 days in some 120 cities

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CHURCHILL MAY BROADCAST TOMORROW, SPOKESMAN SAYS

Plans Are Indefinite, However, and No Hour for Radio Talk Has Been Set.

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP). — A spokesman at No. 10 Downing street said today it was "quite possible" that Prime Minister Churchill would discuss the European political situation in a broadcast Sunday.

He said plans were indefinite and no hour was fixed.

Churchill voiced an intention to take the Government's case to the people in a debate in the House of Commons Thursday.

7TH ARMY TAKES LAUTERBOURG IN 4-PRONGED DRIVE ON 17-MILE FRONT

Nazis Throw in Full Panzer Division to Stop Yanks — First, Third Armies Make Small Advances.

PARIS, Dec. 16 (AP).—The United States Seventh Army poured more troops into its four-pronged invasion of Germany today, seized the French border town of Lauterbourg, two miles from the Rhine, and beat against the first pillboxes of the Siegfried Line in the Bavarian Palatinate.

German West Wall artillery reacted violently and a fresh Nazi armored division was flung in as reinforcement in attempts to stem the Seventh's thrust into the Bavarian Palatinate on a 17-mile front.

Two hundred miles to the north, United States First Army infantry and armor cleaned out more German pockets west of the Roer River and added to the ground which, with the Ninth Army, they hold along a 27-mile stretch of the river's west bank.

The Germans demolished the remaining bridges over the Roer—a sign they have abandoned hopes of holding anywhere on the west shore.

Heavy German artillery fire harassed the First Army front.

Gaps Sealed Up, Nazis Say.

(The Berlin radio said the First Army had thrown its latest attacks against German bridgeheads along the Roer west of Duren and added without explanation that "smaller gaps made by the Americans were sealed up in counterthrusts."

(Violent fighting is raging along the road from Vossenack and Monchau, to the southwest, said the broadcast by Transocean news agency. Vossenack is nine miles southwest of Duren and Monchau is 11 miles farther in the same direction.)

Southward, the American Third Army scored new but slow gains. The Ninetieth Division crawled another 300 yards into Dillingen, with fierce fighting in the southern part of the city. The Ninety-fifth Division advanced 250 yards inside Ensdorf, east of Saarlautern. Nine miles east of Sarreguemines, doughboys moved half a mile beyond Erching and reached the German border.

Four crossings of the Nazi border were forged by Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's veterans, with the Seventy-Ninth Division entering the Reich at two points near

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F. D. R. SIGNS BILL EXTENDING PEARL HARBOR TRIAL LIMIT

Court Martial or Other Proceeding Possible Up to Six Months After Dec. 7, 1944.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).—President Roosevelt signed today a bill extending six months beyond Dec. 7, 1944, the deadline for starting court martial or other proceedings growing out of the Pearl Harbor disaster.

The Secretaries of War and Navy recently announced that separate investigations yielded no evidence justifying court-martial steps against Army and Navy personnel, but said they were continuing their inquiries.

The President also signed legislation continuing until six months after the war's end his authority to appoint an Under Secretary of War. The emergency position, now held by Robert P. Patterson, was due to expire after next Jan. 20.

PARIS POLICE BAR DANCING AS TOO FRIVOLOUS IN WAR

PARIS, Dec. 16 (AP).—The French police have barred dancing in the Paris area on the ground that it is too frivolous while three million Frenchmen are in prison camps and soldiers are dying at the front.

The order applies to American soldiers as well as to the French people in night clubs and dance halls, but the Red Cross and other service clubs were excepted from the order.

Grim Sunday Morning on Western Front



—Associated Press Wirephoto via U. S. Army Signal Corps Radio.

A line of dead American soldiers edges a woods near Julich, Germany—on the Ninth Army front—as a Yank comrade moves up in foreground after a bitter Sunday morning battle. At extreme left is the body of a hospital corpsman who had been aiding casualties.

GUERRILLAS SEIZE COASTS, AIRFIELDS ON MINDORO ROUTE

Secrecy Lifted on Activities Since 1942—Two U. S. Colonels Organized Native Bands.

By DEAN SCHEDLER

GEN. MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 16 (AP).—Gen. Douglas MacArthur today lifted the veil on the long-guarded activities of American and Filipino guerrilla forces, active against the Japanese since the early days of the Philippine war in 1942.

MacArthur said "the forces in the western Visayas and Mindanao have sustained an aggressive offensive against enemy garrisons on several major islands."

On Luzon, Col. Wendell W. Fertig fought the early days of the battle of Bataan, from where he went to Mindanao. During the last two years he has done the major part of the work in unifying several American and Filipino bands into an efficient striking force.

MacArthur said units under Col. Fertig's command liberated the entire provinces of Lanao and Misamis Occidental, capturing airfields and 125 miles of coastline.

Lt. Col. Charles Cushing, who eluded the Japanese when they over-ran Cebu, led forces in clearing the enemy from the major part of southern Cebu.

Guerrillas have been a constant thorn in Japan's "Greater East Asia" program for the Philippines.

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Convoy Steamed Near Jap Bases, Met Only Two Weak Air Attacks

JAP RADIO ACKNOWLEDGES LOSS OF 162,159 MEN IN PHILIPPINES SINCE NOV. 1

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16 (AP).

RADIO TOKYO today admitted that the Japanese Army and Navy had lost 162,159 men in the Philippines since Nov. 1, but claimed, without Allied confirmation, that 500,000 Americans had been killed in that period.

Radio Tokyo made this breakdown of Japanese losses: Army, 83,748; Navy, 78,411.

Foe Failed Even to Attempt Blow in Most Critical Area — Fleet Stretched 20 Miles.

By MURLIN SPENCER

ABOARD ADM. STRUBLE'S FLAGSHIP, MINDORO, Philippines, Dec. 15 (Delayed) (AP).—Unchallenged and nearly untouched, the United States Navy in one of the boldest actions of this war steamed to Mindoro Island today and landed troops only 155 miles from Manila.

The amazing thing about this operation is that for two days the strong American force under R. Adm. Arthur D. Struble moved boldly past Japanese strong points and the enemy was either disinclined or unable to make an attempt to stop it.

The convoy, predominantly made up of warships, passed Negros, Panay and Mindanao islands, in the heart of the Japanese-dominated Philippines—passed so close that the rugged coastlines were plainly visible, and it was known that the enemy had airfields there.

Shortly before dawn today, Yank units stormed ashore on Mindoro with all their equipment, on three beaches on the southwestern part of the island.

It was what they officially call "an unopposed landing" and it was a great achievement for the Navy and air forces that the Japanese, in one of their strongest positions, could be pinned down to permit such an invading force to land unmolested.

Half-Hearted Attack.

Less than 24 hours after the convoy started for Mindoro the Japanese picked us up and attacked half-heartedly. Later that day, Dec. 13, there was a second attack. But yesterday, which was considered the critical period because we were so close to key Japanese bases, passed without a single attack on the 20-mile long convoy.

When Adm. Struble was asked why the Japanese did not attack, he replied, "I guess Adm. Halsey's sweeps on the Japanese airfields have been pretty successful."

There were few periods of ex-

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FILIPINOS BEARING EGGS GREET YANKS ON INVASION BEACH

One Soldier Grabbed by 'Happy But Scared' Native Woman.

By ELMONT WAITE

WITH ASSAULT FORCES AT MINDORO, Philippines, Dec. 15 (AP).—Staff Sgt. William Hantone of Canandaigua, N. Y., was the only man of his reinforced company who found his progress barred in today's invasion of Mindoro.

While pushing inland through brush from the northernmost beachhead he suddenly was clasped tightly.

His "captor" was a native woman. In near hysteria she exclaimed:

"Oh, so happy to see you, but so scared."

Filipinos greeted troops on the northern beachhead with great bunches of ripe bananas and fresh eggs. Two of them eagerly offered a native canoe as transportation to get this correspondent across a wide river and down to the southern beachheads. They refused pesos. They also refused American money—although their eyes gleamed at the sight of such souvenirs.

"No pay, no pay; very glad help Americans," they said.

START OF BUS SERVICE THROUGH FOREST PARK PLANNED FOR JAN. 1

START of bus service through Forest Park is planned for Jan. 1, it was announced yesterday as the city joined with the Public Service Co. in the latter's application to the Office of Defense Transportation for permission to extend the Hampton line northwardly from Hampton and Oakland avenues to the corner of Delmar and De Baliviere avenues.

The proposed service provides for a 20-minute schedule during rush hours and for a 30-minute schedule throughout the rest of the day. Letters by Mayor Aloys P. Kaufmann and C. M. Gray, traffic manager of the company, said extension of the line would provide more convenient, direct and faster service for war workers living in Southwest St. Louis to war plants in the northwest section of the city.

The line will also make the Jewel Box, Zoo and other facilities of Forest Park directly accessible by public transportation.

BEACHHEADS WON SPEEDILY AFTER 600-MILE MOVE IN ENEMY WATERS

347 Jap Planes Destroyed in Co-ordinated Raids on Luzon—Action 'Cuts Philippine Archipelago in Two.'

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 16 (AP).—A huge, 20-mile-long American warship convoy, moving 600 miles among enemy islands of the central Philippines while carrier planes knocked out 347 Japanese aircraft, landed mechanized troops Friday on Mindoro within 155 miles of Manila, headquarters disclosed today.

They swarmed ashore "with little loss."

This boldest amphibious stroke of the Pacific War, unlocking the sea approaches to embattled China by crossing to the western side of the archipelago from Leyte, was completed with amazing ease but preparations were made for violent Japanese reaction.

Three strong beachheads on southern Mindoro were over-run at dawn Friday by Sixth Army troops of Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger who were greeted excitedly by Filipinos, the Japanese having fled inland under bombardment of destroyers and rocket ships.

(The Tokyo radio said last night that about one American ground division—upward of 15,000 men—went ashore near San Jose, on the southwest ti of Mindoro, and asserted the force had been attacked by Japanese troops. Enemy broadcasts today reported, without Allied confirmation, that a violent sea and air battle is raging off Mindoro.)

Between the Mindoro beachheads and the big American base on nearly-conquered Leyte, Yank and Filipino guerrillas were disclosed today to have seized strategic airfields and ports on intervening Panay, Negros, Cebu and Bohol as well as a 125-mile stretch of coast on northern Mindanao.

The guerrillas, some of whom fought the losing battle of Bataan,

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Today's War News

GEN. MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines — American troops gain three beachheads on southern Mindoro Island, swarming ashore with "little loss" from 20-mile-long convoy after 600-mile trip from Leyte; operation puts Yanks 155 miles south of Manila and, MacArthur says, "cuts Philippine archipelago in two" and threatens Japanese lifeline to south; 347 enemy planes destroyed in co-ordinated raids on Luzon by American carrier planes; Filipino guerrillas seized coasts and airfields flanking route of convoy to Mindoro.

PARIS—Germans open up with heavy guns in Siegfried Line and throw in Panzer division in effort to stop United States Seventh Army's drive into German territory on road to Mannheim and Ludwigshafen; Gen. Patch's men take Lauterbourg in advance on 17-mile front stretching west from Rhine; Third Army enters Nieder-Gailbach, gains up to 300 yards in hard fighting around Saarlautern and Dillingen; First and Ninth Armies occupy or control 27 miles of west bank of Roer River; Germans say "small gaps" made by United States troops in Nazi lines around Duren were "sealed up."

MOSCOW—Red Army troops push on into western Slovakia after crossing Hungarian border and reaching Budapest-Bratislava-Vienna highway at Ipolysag (Sahy); rains slow Russians in battle before Budapest.

ROME.—British and Polish troops gain foothold on ridge west of Faenza in renewed drive toward German strongpoint in Italy; Canadians extend bridgehead over Naviglio canal; Yanks repulse Nazi attack south of Bologna.

KANDY, Ceylon—Chinese crush last Japanese resistance in North Burma stronghold of Bhamo, freeing strong force for drive south on old Burma road; British push within 40 miles of Akyab, on Burma's west coast.

Gen. Eisenhower Gives Reception After Sergeant, Wac Corporal Wed

PARIS, Dec. 16 (AP).—Two members of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's staff, Wac Cpl. Pearlie Hargrave, Pillager, Minn., and Sgt. Michael (Mickey) McKeogh, former New York bellhop, were married today.

Gen. Eisenhower, Lt. Gen. Walter B. Smith, his chief of staff, and other members of supreme headquarters attended the ceremony, which was held in a chapel where royal weddings once took place.

Eisenhower later gave a reception for the pair.

The bride, who is a chauffeur for distinguished visitors to headquarters, wore a gown and veil designed by a leading Paris fashion house, having been given permission to be out of uniform for the occasion. She was given in marriage by Lt. Col. Ernest R. Lee of San Antonio, Tex.

Sgt. Margaret Chick of Toledo, O., was the bridesmaid, and Sgt. Kohn Farr, Elmira, N. Y., best man. Chaplain John Keegan of Boston performed the ceremony.

McKeogh is the son of Mrs. Mary K. McKeogh of Corona, N. Y.

Fair and Warmer

THE TEMPERATURES.

1 a. m.	36	9 a. m.	24
2 a. m.	34	10 a. m.	24
3 a. m.	32	11 a. m.	24
4 a. m.	28	12 noon	26
5 a. m.	27	1 p. m.	26
6 a. m.	26	2 p. m.	27
7 a. m.	26	3 p. m.	29
8 a. m.	24	4 p. m.	31

Normal maximum this date, 42; normal minimum, 27.
Yesterday's high, 45 at 3:30 p. m.; low, 29 at 6 a. m.
Weather in other cities—Page 7A.

Official forecast for St. Louis and vicinity: Fair and continued cold tonight, lowest about 25; tomorrow fair and warmer, with highest in afternoon about 48.

Missouri: Fair and warmer tonight, except in extreme southeast portion; lowest 28 to 32 in west and north, 32 to 35 in southeast; tomorrow fair in south portion, increasing cloudiness in north portion; warmer except in extreme northwest portion; colder tomorrow night.

Illinois: Partly cloudy tonight, colder early tonight and warmer late tonight and tomorrow forenoon; tomorrow occasional light snow in north and central portions, partly cloudy in extreme south portion; colder in north portion tomorrow afternoon.

Sunset, 5:40; sunrise (tomorrow), 8:15.

Stage of the Mississippi at St Louis, 3.6 feet, a fall of .2; the Missouri at St. Charles, 13.4 feet, a fall of .5.

(All weather data, including forecast and temperatures, supplied by U. S. Weather Bureau.)



Candy Shops Here Limiting Sales To Meet Christmas Buying Rush

Last minute Christmas shoppers will get little assistance from St. Louis candy stores.

Shops are working up to the limits of their sugar and chocolate allotments and manpower facilities, and several concerns told the Post-Dispatch today they expect to be completely sold out of Christmas stock by the middle of next week.

Most of the 12 retailers interviewed said they had already turned down requests aggregating several times their total output for the season. Shops featuring high-priced candies and the five-and-tens alike are feeling the pinch. Some dealers have discontinued general sales and are filling orders only from old customers. Others have stopped accepting special orders and are selling only limited amounts over the counter.

A few dealers, by limiting daily sales, expect to have candy right up to the day before Christmas. Each day's allotment of specialty candy is sold within an hour after the stores open.

"People are mighty nice about it," said a downtown retailer. "When one line is sold out, they'll cheerfully take something else and so on right down to the last thing in stock. I think a lot of cigarette smokers must be taking up candy when they can't get smokes."

Some customers take nuts instead, and the once lowly Spanish peanut is being sold in quantities at dime store counters which formerly sold candy.

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CARRIER PLANE BLANKET KEPT JAP FLYERS HELPLESS TO HIT CONVOY

Enemy Fields in Philippines Smothered, Foe Unable to Bring in Air Reinforcements from Formosa.

By REMBERT JAMES

ABOARD V. ADM. JOHN S. McCAIN'S FAST CARRIER FORCE FLAGSHIP OF THE PHILIPPINES, Dec. 15 (Delayed) (Via Navy Radio) (AP). — Shielding Gen. Douglas MacArthur's new Mindoro Island landing, a large force of Navy planes today kept the 7008 islands in the Philippines cut off from the Japanese Empire for a second day.

No enemy ship and hardly an enemy plane moved in the northern Philippines without drawing the attention of V. Adm. John S. McCain's carrier planes.

From early yesterday, when the around-the-clock combat patrols began hovering over Luzon, a total of 347 enemy planes have been put out of commission up to midmorning Tuesday.

Of this total 41 were shot out of the air; 191 were burned on the ground and 115 were damaged on the ground.

Twelve enemy ships, including one large troops transport, were sunk in the same period.

A flyer who returned to this carrier for more gasoline, bombs and bullets to resume the day and night flying circus performances over some 100 enemy air fields on Luzon said the Japanese are trying to bring in planes from Formosa but that so far they have failed.

History-Making Technique.

This is the first time in the history of naval aviation that a carrier task force ever has kept a smothering blanket of fighter planes day and night over any land mass even approaching the size of Luzon.

There are approximately 100 fields on the island which is more than 300 miles long. Adding to the difficulty of maintaining air control is the fact that Luzon lies within easy flying distance of the great Japanese war center of Formosa.

But Adm. McCain's new technique is working to perfection.

McCain's flyers, who operate almost exclusively with Navy Hellcat fighters equipped with bombs and rockets, achieved apparently full surprise in the opening attack on Luzon, in one instance finding cattle wandering over the runway at South Aparri Airport.

Reinforcement Flight Crushed.

The greatest bag of the first day came late in the afternoon, when one flight of 27 enemy planes, apparently from Formosa, tried to land in Northern Luzon. American fighters shot down 18 of this group and also bagged one of a flight of eight other planes.

On the water they destroyed seven to ten large flying boats at Cavite seaplane base and shot down another seaplane which was escorting an enemy convoy off Luzon.

Three large transport planes were destroyed, two of them blown apart on the ground.

In sweeps around Clark Field, which has many separate runways, strafing planes hit four fuel dumps and blew up an ammunition depot.

Pilots told scores of stories on attacks on enemy fields and shipping in the continuing attacks. Ens. Richard K. Reynolds of New Royal Oak, Mich., caught a large Japanese troop landing ship off western Luzon. "I stuck a rocket in her stern," he said, "and left her burning so badly she had to be abandoned."

Only a few minutes earlier, Ens. Reynolds along with Lt. (jg) R. L. Hunt, Kansas City, Mo., and other pilots destroyed a similar craft just off Iba.

Lt. Comdr. Leonard J. Check of Minto, N. D., a fighter squadron leader, killed two Japanese pilots and destroyed their planes and a truck in strafing runs.

Comdr. Check then flew to Clark Field, 50 miles north of Manila, and found two more enemy planes trying to land. He attacked one and shot it down while other flyers in his division got the other.

Lt. Theodore Wolfe of Memphis, Tenn., flying along Subic Bay shore, spotted an enemy destroyer which he attacked and damaged.

1542 OF NAZI CREW KILLED OR HURT IN TIRPITZ SINKING

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 16 (AP).—Forty-two German officers were killed and 1500 members of the crew were either killed or injured when the battleship Tirpitz was sunk by British bombers at Tromsoe, Norwegian legation sources said last night.

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Yanks Invade Mindoro in Philippines

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did their work so well that the huge convoy moving south and west from Leyte was able to steam within sight of the rugged coastlines of those islands.

Archipelago Cut—MacArthur.

"The operation has driven a corridor from east to west through the Philippine Archipelago, which is now definitely cut in two and will enable us to dominate the sea and air routes which reach to the China coast," some 900 miles away, Gen. Douglas MacArthur said in his communique announcing the invasion.

"Conquests of Japan to the south are rapidly being isolated, destroying the legendary myth of the Greater East Asia coprosperity sphere and imperiling the so-called 'imperial lifeline.'"

Employing new tactics, rocket-firing planes of a fast aircraft carrier task force under V. Adm. John S. McCain kept Luzon's 100 airfields, including the network around Manila, under attack night and day for more than 24 hours.

At least 347 enemy planes were reported knocked out in raids which began the day before the Mindoro landing. The bulk were trapped on the ground but Rembert James, Associated Press war correspondent aboard Adm. McCain's flagship, reported the biggest bag of 27 was shot down while flying in from Formosa to meet the emergency.

Japs at Disadvantage.

MacArthur struck where the Japanese is weak in Southern Mindoro, and just far enough from where the enemy is strong to prevent him from opposing strength with strength.

The northern coast of Mindoro is separated from the rail and road center of Batangas on Luzon Island by eight-and-one-half-mile Verde Strait. The southern tip of Mindoro is 155 miles due south of Manila.

But rugged 8000-foot-high mountain ranges block communication of northern and southern Mindoro except on the eastern seaboard, where a coastal plain is traversed by a road.

The island has an area of 3794 square miles. Its longest coast, roughly in a north-south direction, is more than 100 miles in length and is 50 miles across at its widest point.

(Royal Arch Gunnison, Mutual radio reporter in the Philippines, broadcast last night that the invasion of Mindoro "left the Japanese gasping," but that "the landing is too close to Manila to expect that Japan will take this blow without a terrific comeback." He quoted Gen. Krueger as saying "we must take chances when the chances appear worth the risk.")

Convoy Left Leyte Tuesday.

Covered by an umbrella of carrier and land-based planes, the convoy, commanded by R. Adm. A. D. Struble, left Leyte Gulf in midafternoon Tuesday.

Murlin Spencer, Associated Press war correspondent aboard Struble's flagship, reported Japanese flyers made two weak attacks on the convoy, but that Dec. 14, considered the critical period because the ships were close to key Japanese bases, passed without a single enemy attempt at interference.

Spencer said the Japanese were so uncertain of the convoy's destination that lights on Mindoro were not blacked out until the warships were nearing shore.

Aboard a covering force flagship off Mindoro, Jim Hutcheson, Associated Press war correspondent, said the only hitch in the landing came when a warship signaled: "Beach in front of our bombardment sector is crowded with welcoming Filipinos and carabaos (water buffaloes). What shall we do?"

R. Adm. Russell S. Berkey ordered "Withhold fire."

Bloodless Landing.

Elmont Waite, Associated Press war correspondent with the assault forces, said the landing at 7:30 a. m. Friday on the northernmost beachhead was bloodless.

He saw tanks roll ashore, bulldozers begin clearing roads, piers pushed up to ships' ramps, trucks and vehicles rumble on the beach and engineering parties speed inland with the troops to start construction of military installations. He said double rows of men, formed from ship to shore, tossed box on box in relays to a beach storage pile.

"Evidently what Japanese were on the island had retreated speedily inland as the dawn bombardment of our ships paved the way for the invaders," Waite wrote. "Small units of troopers pushed swiftly after them with no immediate contact reported.

"The Yanks stood up to watch and cheer our destroyers but Capt. Neil Taylor, Greenwood, Miss., stopped that.

"What do you think this is?" he asked. "A Saturday afternoon football game? Get yourselves dug in."

Waite said the appearance of Japanese planes speeded the digging, and antiaircraft fire dotted the whole sky over the bay. Ranging as far as the horizon southward from Capt. Taylor's beach were other landing areas.

LSTs (landing ships with tanks) nosed in to the sand, Waite said, and bulldozers crawled out with a splash and began pushing piles of sand and dirt into driveways, or piers up to ships' ramps. Trucks and other vehicles began pouring out.

He reported that the only contact with the Japanese in the first few hours of invasion was a harrassing air attack by a few enemy planes—plus a lone sniper who didn't last long.

Jap Radio Asserts Heavy Fighting Rages on Land and Sea.

By the Associated Press.

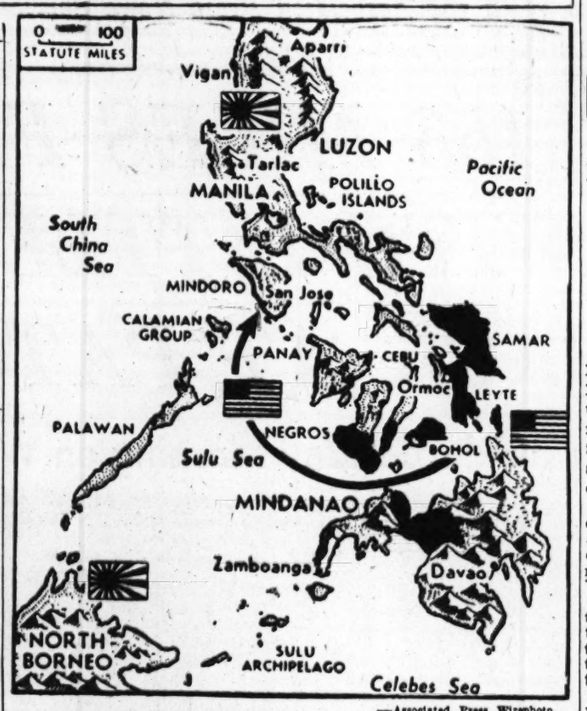
Japanese imperial headquarters in an unconfirmed broadcast today said American and Japanese forces are engaged in "heavy fighting" on Mindoro island and that Japanese planes inflicted heavy damage on the American convoy, sinking four transports and damaging others.

The broadcast asserted that between Wednesday and Friday Japanese planes in a series of "suicide" attacks on the American convoy approaching Mindoro had, in addition to sinking four transports, "heavily damaged and set ablaze" eight transports, two battleships, three cruisers, two cruisers or destroyers and six ships of unidentified category.

The Japanese in an earlier broadcast said a "violent sea and air battle" was unfolding in the Sulu Sea south of Mindoro.

Of the Mindoro landings the Japanese said that their garrison troops "intercepted the enemy forces and fighting is now in progress," and reported that about one division of American troops made the initial landing at San Jose.

Later the Japanese radio announced Maj. Gen. Shuitsu Matsumura, chief of the Japanese Army press section, met with Cabinet advisers at the residence of Premier Kuniaki Koiso for two hours to report on the war situation.



—Associated Press Wirephoto.

Arrow indicates American invasion of Mindoro Island, just south of Luzon, in a daring thrust across the Philippine Archipelago which will provide access to routes leading to the coast of China. Black areas mark territory already wrested from the Japanese on Leyte and Samar islands and by guerrilla forces on Panay, Negros, Cebu, Bohol and Mindanao. Guerrilla seizure of ports and airfields facilitated the amphibious leap from Leyte to Mindoro.

Bradley Pressing Attack to Take Advantage of High German Losses

Missouri General Says Enemy Casualties Are Three to Five Times as High as Yanks' —Earlier Optimism Hurting Us.

TWELFTH ARMY GROUP ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 16 (AP).—The offensive of the American First, Third and Ninth armies is a "paying proposition" and Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley, commander of the Twelfth Army Group is going to push ahead regardless of poor weather.

At a press conference yesterday Gen. Bradley said German battle casualties were anywhere from three to five times greater than those of the Americans and the Germans cannot long stand this heavy rate of attrition.

Remarking that the Yanks are capturing a considerable number of "green" enemy troops, the Missouri General pointed out the advantage of attacking them now instead of waiting until they get several months' experience.

"If we had three months of good weather, it would make a whale of a difference," he told a press conference. "We are going ahead as best we can without it because time is playing in favor of the enemy."

The heavier German attrition rate is due, he said, to American superiority in air support, artillery, equipment and infantry. However, he warned against over-optimism, saying, "we are now suffering from the optimism of August, September and October and the war is being prolonged on account of it."

Ground troops, Bradley observed, at first were skeptical of air support, but since air and ground combat teams gained battle experience, the doughboys now have "full confidence in it."

"Now are armies never hesitate to call for air support even 500 yards or less from our front lines," Bradley said. "Even the German air force in its heyday had nothing like the fine co-operation that exists between our ground and air forces. Only because of this co-operation were we able to advance as fast as we did, commencing with the St. Lo breakthrough and continuing through France.

"Our planes stayed over our tanks and troops columns all day long attacking any target in front of them. It got so the Germans could not move at all in the daytime. If we can flush them out onto the roads they are duck soup."

Bradley added that the Ninth Air Force also "has been keeping the German air force off our necks. Now you ride around without even looking up. It was different in Africa."

Maj. Gen. Hoyt Sanford Vandenberg, commander of the Ninth Air Force, disclosed that since D-day his outfit has destroyed 1408 enemy aircraft, 15,851 motor transports, 1462 armored vehicles and tanks, 9432 railroad cars and 2296 locomotives, in addition to gun positions, ammunition dumps, bridges and power stations.

Despite the supreme efforts of American naval and air forces the Japanese have filtered a more or less steady stream of reinforcements south through the chain of islands and waterways to Leyte.

CONVOY STEAMED NEAR JAP BASES; MET WEAK RAIDS

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citement in this long jump into Japanese territory—a jump which has advanced Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces 240 airline miles north of Leyte—one which United States forces would not have dared to try a few months ago.

Constant Air Cover.

Carrier and land-based planes gave the convoy constant protection, and in one fight destroyed four Japanese planes, one of which hit the water and bounced again into the air before going down for good.

An unsuspecting Japanese transport cut across our path several miles ahead and was bombed by a Catalina patrol plane.

Supporting the belief that the Japanese were not sure where we were headed was the fact that lights were seen ashore on Mindoro as we moved in for the attack. They blacked out only after the convoy neared shore.

After destroyers and rocket ships had bombarded Mindoro's flat shore line and the troops swept ashore the Navy's number one task was finished—the job of getting the men there without a single soldier being touched. The number two objective is to get back.

STRATEGIC VIEW OF NEW ADVANCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).—The American landing on Mindoro Island places MacArthur in one bold stroke within deadly range of the grand prize of Luson and Manila.

The daring thrust has lopped off about half the 315 airline miles between Leyte and Manila Bay. If American air power can be established on the southern shores of Mindoro, Luzon and all that it contains will be in stone's throw distance to United States flyers.

Another key to the recapture of the Philippines, Corregidor Island in the mouth of Manila Bay, also comes into easy air distance when a hold is established on Mindoro.

The Mindoro landing will beyond doubt throw further consternation into the Yamashita forces of Japan seeking to stay MacArthur. The Americans have advanced deep into territory held by the Japanese. That they have done so proves they believe they have the power to maintain their advance.

From Mindoro, United States forces also will be in a position to deal with the Japanese island-to-island route by which the enemy reinforces his troops on the Leyte battleground.

LANDING OBSTACLE: WATER BUFFALOES

By JAMES HUTCHESON

ABOARD A COVERING FORCE

CHURCH NOTICES.

1ST PILGRIM CHURCH
4433 Elmbank
Sunday School 9:45
Morning Worship 11:00
Evening 7:45
"PITCHING TOWARD SODOM"
Rev. Leon L. Adams

YANKS BLASTING LEYTE JAPS OUT OF COCONUT GROVE

Enemy Keeps Attacking Despite Heavy Losses in Fighting North of of Ormoc.

By AL DOPKING

WITH THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH DIVISION ON LEYTE, Dec. 14 (Delayed) (AP).—The battle of Coconut Grove, north of the fallen city of Ormoc, was nearing its end tonight after three days of some of the most bitter fighting of the Leyte campaign.

Dug in behind heavily reinforced concrete and coconut blockhouses and machine-gun positions, the enemy made a stand some 600 yards north of Ormoc on the road toward Valencia.

Three times the Nipponese counterattacked before the tide was turned. Once, supported by mortars, machine guns and artillery they bent our lines slightly but the ground was later regained.

The enemy is paying a high price for his fanatical stand and his Coconut Grove stronghold is piled with his dead. But he continues to make suicidal attacks and the doughboys of Maj. Gen. Andrew D. Bruce are blasting every Japanese out of his hole.

During heavy American artillery fire the Japanese moved forward to avoid the shellacking and charged our lines. They were mowed down by machine guns. In yesterday's fighting alone, it is estimated, 500 of the enemy were killed.

Infantrymen reported seeing Japanese bodies blasted into the air by artillery bursts but the Japanese kept bringing in new troops as others were wiped out in strongpoints.

A few enemy barges seen around the mouth of the river northwest of Ormoc were sunk by Corsairs sweeping in at tree-top level.

Today infantrymen were advancing through the blood-soaked coconut grove and on up the road, but they still were meeting stubborn resistance. Their line tonight stretches about 1000 yards north of ruined Ormoc.

There are a few pockets of Japanese left in the coastal plain south of Ormoc where Maj. Gen. Archibald V. Arnold's Seventh Division has been pounding them for three weeks.

His forces have driven what was left of them into heavily wooded mountains to the east where, it is estimated, 2000 of them are encircled.

PLANES SINK JAP DESTROYER

CHUNGKING, Dec. 16 (AP).—Bomb carrying fighters of the United States Fourteenth Air Force sank an enemy destroyer in Hong Kong harbor on Dec. 8, American Army headquarters announced today.

In a review of air operations from Dec. 7 through Dec. 13, headquarters announced that American planes destroyed 42 enemy aircraft of all categories, probably destroyed 10 and damaged 22. Six were shot down in air combat. No American planes were lost.

FLAGSHIP OFF MINDORO, Philippines, Dec. 15 (Delayed), (AP).—Waves of Americans troops are pouring ashore unopposed on Mindora Island after a slow convoy trip of 600 miles through supposedly Japanese-dominated waters with incredibly light air opposition.

The only hitch in the landing came when a warship signaled: "Beach in front of our bombardment sector is crowded with welcoming Filipinos and carabaos (water buffaloes). What shall we do?"

R. Adm. Russell S. Berkey replied: "Withhold fire."

Enemy air attacks on the sprawling convoy were so sporadic and light the men went below for the traditional pre-landing steak breakfast.

Army Lightnings, Marine Corsairs and Navy Wildcats overhead furnished confidence, but the men aboard this flagship breathed more easily when they heard that Adm. William F. Halsey's planes had given nearby Luzon Island airfields a heavy plastering.

Twilight the first day out brought the most concentrated Japanese attack. After the shooting subsided, our loudspeaker announced:

"Two Japanese planes is the score for the first inning."

The voyage's most spectacular dogfight was silhouetted against a cloud-banked Sulu Sea horizon. Two American carrier Wildcats got on the tail of an enemy light bomber. The Japanese plane dived almost to the water's surface, but the Wildcats bored in relentlessly as the enemy craft's rear gun flashed in a futile effort to beat off the pursuit.

The enemy plane hit the water and bounced twice before sinking.

Through all the actions the men at their stations below decks heard a running description of the fight over the loudspeaker.

CHURCH NOTICES.

DELMAR BAPTIST CHURCH
Skinker and Washington
Erdmann Smith, Pastor
11 A. M.—Sunday
"How to Handle Cares & Frustrations"
5 P. M.—Sunday
"THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS"
A Cantata by Mathews

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
Kingshighway and Washington
William Russell Pankey, Minister
11:00 A. M.
"The Voice in the Wilderness"
7:45 P. M.
"Prayer and the War"

Sectors of Heavy Fighting



—Associated Press Wirephoto.

Seventh Army troops seized Lauterbourg, two miles from the Rhine River, today, as reinforced units fought their way forward in the Reich on either side of Wissembourg, against stiff German resistance. Farther west, the Germans counterattacked near Bitche and there was heavy fighting on the Third Army front in Dillingen and in the Saarlautern area. Arrows indicate action; heavy line is front.

GUERRILLAS SEIZE COASTS, AIRFIELDS ON MINDORO ROUTE

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The small bands have distributed American propaganda material under the very nose of high Japanese officers, in addition to maintaining disruptive attacks against the enemy's lines of supply.

Today's communique, disclosing their well-secreted accomplishments, detailed conquests all the way along the route taken by the convoy which landed troops on Mindoro.

(Apparently the convoy sailed through Surigao Strait between southern Leyte and northern Mindanao, through the Mindanao Sea below Bohol, Cebu, and Negros then north through the Sulu Sea past Negros and Panay to Mindoro.)

On Bohol, the next island west of south Leyte, the guerrillas won all but the area around the town of Tagbilaran on the southwest.

On the next island, Cebu, guerrillas, led by Col. Mcariao Peralta Jr., drove the Japanese out of the south part which juts down to the Mindanao Sea.

Westward, on Negros, in that island's southernmost part which guards the western entrance of the Mindanao Sea, the guerrillas cleared out all but the Dumaguette area. However, they outflanked it by seizing the towns of Sibutan and Luzuriga on either side. Several airfields were seized. The guerrilla leader there is Lt. Col. Salvador Abcede.

On Panay, flanking the Sulu Sea approach to Mindoro, the town of Patnongon on the southwest was captured, as were the towns of San Miguel and Zarraga on the southeast and Estancia on the northeast a swell as several vital airfields.

Still other guerrillas, far to the south between Mindanao and Borneo, pinned down Japanese in small restricted areas in islands of the Sulu Archipelago. Lt. Col. Alejandro Suarez is the leader.

PARIS, MOSCOW TO ANNOUNCE TERM OF ACCORD TOMORROW

PARIS, Dec. 16 (AP). — Gen. Charles de Gaulle returned from Moscow today and it was announced that the terms of the French-Soviet pact which he concluded with Marshal Stalin would be announced simultaneously in Paris and Moscow tomorrow night.

De Gaulle told Ministers who met him at the airport that the results of his mission were good.

HOUSE PASSES CROP INSURANCE COMPROMISE BILL; LIGHT VOTE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP). —With less than 100 members voting, the House passed and sent to the Senate today compromise legislation reviving and extending the crop insurancep rogram.

The legislation was an adjustment of differences between the Senate and the House and won House approval by a standing vote of 72 to 19.

Author Died on Gambler Bay.

THOMASVILLE, Ga., Dec. 16 (AP).—Lt. Vereen McNeill Bell, author of the novel, "Swamp Water," who was reported missing last month, died when his ship, the Gambler Bay, was sunk Oct. 25, his father, Chief Justice R. C. Bell of the State Supreme Court, has been notified.

Veronica Lake to Wed Tonight.

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 16 (AP).—Veronica Lake, movie film actress, and Andre de Toth, movie director, will be married tonight. It will be the actress' second marriage and De Toth's first. She is 22 years old. He is 30.

CHURCH NOTICES.

BAHA'I COMMUNITY OF ST. LOUIS
Presents Pictures of and Talk on
BAHA'I TEMPLE
in Wilmette, Ill., by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Winans of Independence, Mo.
Sunday, Dec. 17th, 8 P. M.
STUDIO Bldg., 4505 Olive

3RD BAPTIST CHURCH
Grand at Washington
C. Oscar Johnson, Pastor
Services Sunday:
10:40 a. m.—"One Is Coming Who Understands"
7:30 p. m.—"What Price Christian?"
Sunday, Dec. 24—
Christmas Vesper Service

REINFORCED NAZIS HIT BACK HARD AT PATCH'S 7TH ARMY

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Lauterbourg. The Seventy-ninth immediately ran into a stiff fight.

Panzer Unit Thrown In.

The German command pulled a Panzer division from another sector and flung it into the battle to stop the threat to the chemical and industrial centers of Mannheim and Ludwigshafen, 35 miles to the north.

Units of the Forty-Fifth and 103rd Divisions crossed at points west of Wissembourg, 11 miles west of Lauterbourg, and were closing in on that gateway city to Germany from northeastern Alsace.

Both these divisions apparently made deeper penetrations of Germany. The Forty-Fifth advanced six miles Friday after opening its attack in the morning four miles below the border.

Supreme Headquarters said the First Army had buried 17,078 Germans since D-day.

Big Transport Movements.

Allied planes spotted heavy German transport movement in the Ruhr by road and rail, presumably indicating strong efforts to reinforce that great industrial area.

German patrols seeking information raided a British outpost east of Venray in the southeastern corner of Holland.

Ninth Air Force planes supporting the Third Army wrecked or damaged 170 railroad cars and seven locomotives. Night-flying Black Widows punished a road convoy between Saarbrucken and Homburg.

Gen. Patch's Seventh Army became the sixth Allied army to penetrate German soil.

The new crossings were made at a point where the border leaves the Rhine and cuts westward to Luxembourg. Here, on the Rhine plain east of the high Vosges Mountains, the going should be easier than it was in the rugged Vosges.

Major Peril to Nazis.

The Seventh Army's attack was a major peril to the Germans, since a breakthrough in this sector could outflank Germans facing the Third Army on the Saar front.

In compelling the Nazi command to move an armored division into the Palatinate, the Seventh has already lightened the load of Allied armies pressing in elsewhere along a great arc.

The Germans in another countermeasure are reinforcing troops in the Alsace pocket around Colmar and counterattacking in efforts to divert Seventh Army elements from northern Alsace.

In the Bitche area, west of the Seventh's border crossings, Germans still battling on French soil continued to offer tough resistance, using Maginot Line forts to good effect. Here they have turned about the Maginot's disappearing guns which swing on revolving turrets.

Patch's men drove into the Palatinate yesterday, four months to the day after they stormed the Mediterranean shore and began a chase of the enemy that led 500 miles through France.

103d First Over Line.

Troops of Maj. Gen. George C. Haffner's 103d Infantry Division were the first to enter, pushing across against sporadic opposition north of Climbach and four miles west of Wissembourg.

Within less than an hour troops of the Forty-fifth Infantry Division—veterans of Sicily, Salerno and Anzio—crossed the border along wooded ridges at an undisclosed point in the same general area, and the Seventy-ninth Infantry Division burst the Lauter River line at the frontier near Schiebenhard, nine miles east of Wissembourg.

Pushing ahead against small arms fire on a sector 1000 yards wide, the Seventy-ninth plunged into Bien Wald (forest) on the Rhine plain. One battalion fought without sleep through three nights, saving bridges in the path of the division and making the penetration possible.

Elements of the Seventy-ninth were fighting within 10 miles of the Baden Province capital of Karlsruhe, across the Rhine.

On the southern Alsatian sector, French First Army troops beat off furious counterattacks by reinforced Germans northwest of Colmar where enemy infiltration for a time menaced supply lines, and at Selestat, farther north. On the south, the Germans threw in Panther tanks between Belfort and Mulhouse, but the situation was reported under control.

CHURCH NOTICES.

ETHICAL SOCIETY
(A Liberal Religious Fellowship)
Sunday, Dec. 17th—11 a. m.
3648 Washington Blvd.
J. HUTTON HYND
Subject:
"THE GREATEST HOAX IN HISTORY"
Public Cordially Invited

"UNITARIAN FAITH and the MYSTICISM of the ARTS"
by
Laurance Plank, Minister
SUN., DEC. 17, 11:00 A. M.
CHURCH SCHOOL 11:00 A. M.
Mon., Dec. 18, 8:00 P. M.
Methods of Individual Development
FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH
Founded 1834
5015 Waterman Ave. (8)

RUSSIANS ENTER WEST SLOVAKIA ABOVE BUDAPEST

Reach Highway Leading to Bratislava and Vienna After Crossing Ipoly River Frontier.

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP). — The Soviet communique tonight reported the sinking of three German destroyers in the Baltic Sea. It also announced that six Nazi transports had been sunk and another damaged in a Russian attack on the enemy-held Latvian port of Liepaja.

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP).—Striking into Western Slovakia for the first time, Russian troops today pressed a drive from captured Ipolysag (Sahy) junction, attempting to smash open the roads to Bratislava and Vienna, 35 and 115 miles, respectively, to the west, and at the same time cut off German forces to the east.

Ipolysag, on the Budapest-Bratislava-Vienna highway, was seized by Soviet spearheads which bridged the Ipoly River frontier from Hungary 34 miles northwest of beleaguered Budapest, Hungarian capital already two thirds encircled by the Russians. Moscow indicated that the fighting along the Ipoly front was an effort to break the stalemate at Budapest, where heavy rains interfered with progress of Red forces in their assault on the northern and eastern suburbs.

Moscow announced last night that Ipolysag fell Thursday after a bitter all-night fight in which 800 Germans were killed. It is a half-mile inside Slovakia. In taking it the Reds skirted the 2700-foot Borzsony Mountains between the town and the Danube River's big bend to the south, reaching positions leading downhill into the plains extending westward to Bratislava.

German troops pulled back into Slovakia along a 125-mile front from Ipolysag eastward to Satoraljaujhely in Hungary in the face of the increased tempo of the Russian drive.

Berlin reported the Reds also were attacking more heavily in the Debica-Tarnow area of Southern Poland, and speculated these renewed thrusts may be the beginning of a northern envelopment movement against Slovakia as well as a winter offensive aimed at Krakow.

The stroke northward from Hungary by troops of Marshal Rodion I. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian Army appeared likely to aid a fighting force of 25,000 free Czechoslovak troops which not long ago were driven out of their headquarters at Banska Cystrica, 46 miles north of Ipolysag.

Moscow said the combined drives toward central and eastern Slovakia had swept through 31 localities, among them the manganese center of Szendro, 20 miles north of captured Miskolc and 85 miles northeast of Budapest.

CHURCH NOTICES.

HAMILTON AVE. CHRISTIAN
1240 HAMILTON
EDMUND C. MILLER, Minister
Sunday, 10:30 A. M.
"IN ANTICIPATION OF CHRISTMAS"
6:30 P. M.—Youth Groups

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
826 N. UNION
Rev. E. Paul Sylvester, D. D., Minister
9:30 A. M. and 11 A. M.
2 MORNING SERVICES
5:00 P. M.
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
By the Pilgrim Choristers
ALL WELCOME

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
(Churches of Christ, Scientist)
In the City of St. Louis there are eight branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass. Their locations are listed in the telephone directory.
Lesson Sermon, Sun., Dec. 17
IS THE UNIVERSE, INCLUDING MAN, EVOLVED BY ATOMIC FORCE?
AT ALL CHURCHES
Sunday Services, 11 A. M.
Wed... Imonai Meeting, 8 P. M.
Su... School for Pupils Under 20 Years.
Sun. Eve. Services: First and Sixth, 8:00; Third and Fifth, 7:30; Fourth, 7:00
The Public Is Cordially Invited

MORE 26-38 MEN TO FACE INDUCTION BEGINNING FEB. 1

Draft Boards Instructed That Those Not Aiding War Effort Should Be Called Up.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).—Draft-age men in industry were told today to meet their war responsibilities on the production front—or face swift induction.

Following up the recent "produce or fight" edict, Selective Service predicted that a much larger proportion of men in the 26-through-37 age group would be inducted after Feb. 1.

"The war isn't a young man's war but everybody's war," said a memorandum last night to local draft boards, adding that the "critical situation" requires that civilians remain in war-supporting industries or obtain war-supporting employment if not already so engaged.

Local boards were directed to fill calls for the armed forces "by reclassification as it becomes necessary" of men from the older groups.

The order does not amount to an outright freeze in their present jobs of occupationally deferred workers in the 26-37 bracket. However, they must stay on unless they can show that a change would promote the war effort.

This means that a worker who changes jobs without permission runs the risk of losing his occupational deferment classification; actually, he's inviting induction.

Rules Effective Dec. 12.

The regulations do not apply to registrants who left their employment prior to Dec. 12, but effective Dec. 12, a registrant with a 2-A or 2-B occupational deferment who leaves the employment for which he was deferred is to be classified as available for service unless:

1. His request is granted for a determination that it is in the best interest of the war effort for him to leave such employment for other work; or

2. The local board finds that there were adequate reasons involving the registrant or his immediate family which justified the registrant in leaving such employment.

Local boards were directed to place a "much stricter interpretation" on the rules for occupational deferment.

As of Nov. 1, 4,264,000 registrants were classified in 2-A and 2-B (deferred occupations other than agriculture), and the number in 1-A totaled 891,000. This was the first time since September, 1943, that the number of 1-As had dipped below a million.

Higher Pay Urged for Some Jobs.

Higher pay for workers in some industries and a stepped-up recruiting program were proposed yesterday as methods of wiping out the man power shortage in war plants.

The higher-pay suggestions came from Chairman Mead (Dem.), New York, and Senator Ferguson (Rep.), Michigan, at a Senate committee hearing at which the War Manpower Commission's recruiting plan was outlined by Charles M. Hay of St. Louis, WMC deputy chairman.

Cornerstone of the WMC plan is increased pressure to channel workers to war plants from less essential industry.

Ferguson and Mead both expressed belief that the greatest shortage of man power is in the ranks of workers performing heavy labor on unskilled tasks in "unattractive industries" such as foundries, steel mills and chemical works. These jobs, they said, could and should be made "more attractive" through pay increases, along with improved housing facilities.

Ferguson laid the failure to "propaganda" used to persuade workers into war industries. He said the Government had "gone on for years, talking to people" to get them into war plants but hadn't told them the "truth" about pay and other conditions in some of the industries, so they quit when "they find out the truth."

Hay agreed that higher wages would make such jobs more attractive, but that pay increases were up to the War Labor Board.

Hay told the committee that WMC calculated that 900,000 men, including 500,000 for the armed forces, were needed in the five-month period, November through March, 1945. He said 300,000 needed for industry would be assigned to expanding munitions plants and another 100,000 to transportation and mining.

He said there was a potential man power pool of 650,000, including returning veterans, workers released by war plant cutbacks and youths coming of age, but expressed belief that fewer than 50 per cent of those could be drawn into war industry.

The Army announced that it is furloughing 4700 soldiers to work in plants producing artillery and mortar ammunition, military tires and cotton duck.

SEEKS DIVORCE, SAYS HUSBAND PREFERRED HORSE'S COMPANY

Mrs. Lenora Geller, 7741 Arthur avenue, Richmond Heights, filed suit for divorce from Morris L. Geller yesterday in Circuit Court at Clayton. Her petition asserted he told her that "I am a whole lot happier with my horse than with you."

The petition said Geller made the remark when she complained that he spent his week ends riding the horse. She also charged he was rude and surly.

They were married Sept. 1, 1940, and separated three times before parting finally on Aug. 28, the petition said. Mrs. Geller sought alimony and restoration of her maiden name, Lenora Silver. Geller is a salesman.

Six Men From St. Louis Area Lose Lives; Six Are Missing, 17 Wounded in Action

Another Suffers Injury in Battle Zone — Several Receive Purple Heart for Wounds.



BOCKEWITZ Dead — WERGES Dead — VIRGA Missing — MEDLEY Missing



KOSHNER Wounded — BURBON Wounded — BOETTCHER Wounded — CREAMER Wounded



HENKEY Wounded — REDEL Wounded — TYLER Wounded — POWELL Wounded



KOPP Wounded — STRASSER Wounded — HUGHES Wounded — GEITZ Wounded

Two men from the St. Louis area today were reported killed in action, three died of wounds suffered in action and one previously reported missing was listed as killed in action. Six were listed as missing, 17 were wounded and one was injured in action.

DEAD.

Tech. Sgt. Carlin Grogan, 33, infantryman, was killed in action in Germany Nov. 30, his sister, Mrs. Ora Davis, 3124A Lackland avenue, has been informed.

Cpl. Thomas W. Casper, 39, member of a quartermaster unit, was killed in action Dec. 1 in Holland, his mother, Mrs. Thomas Casper, 2715 Indiana avenue, has been notified.

Seaman First Class Leslie Berning, 19, died of wounds suffered in action in the Asiatic theater of war. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Berning, 105 South Thirty-seventh street, Belleville.

Seaman First Class Otto J. Johns Jr., 20, previously reported missing in action in the Philippines, is now listed as having died of wounds suffered Oct. 25. His father lives at 1135A Talmage avenue.

Pfc. Raymond W. Werges, 31, infantryman, previously reported missing in action, has been killed in action in Germany, his wife, Mrs. Martha Werges, 1282 Hodiamont avenue, has been informed. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Werges, live in Warrenton, Mo.

Pvt. William C. Bockewitz, 32, an infantryman, previously reported wounded in action in France, died of his wounds Nov. 12, his wife, Mrs. Rosetta Bockewitz, 4960 Alcott avenue, has been informed. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bockewitz, live at 5086 Emerson avenue.

MISSING.

Flight Officer Harry R. Lovely, 25, has been missing in action over Germany since Nov. 21. His aunt, Mrs. Mary A. O'Neill, lives at 4209 Jennings road, Pine Lawn.

Staff Sgt. Clarence E. Medley, 26, has been reported missing in action in the European area since Oct. 27. He is the husband of Mrs. Norma Medley, 2138 Benton street, Granite City, and son of Mrs. Annie Medley of De Soto, Mo.

Electrician's Mate 2-C Delbert R. Lewis, 21, is missing in action in the Central Pacific area, his wife, Mrs. Bernice F. Lewis, 5966A Wabada avenue, has been notified.

Pfc. Herbert W. Hartmann, 20, an infantryman, has been missing in action since Nov. 27 on Leyte Island, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hartmann, 4397 Laclede avenue, have been informed.

Pfc. Harry E. Thomas, 27, infantryman, has been missing in action in France since Nov. 17, his mother, Mrs. Lola Thomas, 1114 South Thirteenth street, has learned. His wife, Mrs. Mary Thomas, lives in Du Quoin, Ill.

Pvt. Carmelo Virga, 20, a paratrooper, has been missing in action in Holland since Nov. 17, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Virga, 2325 Sublette avenue, have been informed.

WOUNDED.

First Sgt. Frank B. Powell, 31, an infantryman, was wounded in action in Germany for the second time Nov. 17 and has received the Purple Heart. He is the husband of Mrs. Frieda Powell, 4954 West Pine boulevard, and the brother of Miss Virginia Powell, who lives at Hotel Chase.

Staff Sgt. Lester E. Boettcher, 24, an infantryman, was wounded in action Nov. 28 in France, his wife, who lives at 2331 Dodier street, has been informed.

Sgt. August J. Sansone, 29, was slightly wounded in action in Germany Dec. 1, his wife, Mrs. Aline Sansone, 2247 McNair avenue, has been informed. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Sansone, live at 3952A Utah place.

Sgt. George J. Seith, 23, an infantryman, was wounded in action Nov. 21 in Germany, his mother, Mrs. Clara Sander, 4471 Taft avenue, has been notified.

Sgt. Loren R. Peistrup, 23, an ordnance repairman, was wounded in action Nov. 29 in Belgium. His mother, Mrs. Jacqueline Peistrup, lives at 4006A Palm street.

Cpl. Frank Watson, 30, an infantryman, was wounded in action Nov. 24 on Leyte island, his mother, Mrs. Mary Watson, 3013A La Salle avenue, has been notified.

Pfc. Raymond H. Tyler, 20, an infantryman, has been wounded in action in France and has received the Purple Heart. His mother, Mrs. Ruth Tyler, lives at 2037 Washington avenue, Granite City.

Pfc. George Readenour, 22, an infantryman, was wounded in action in Germany Nov. 28 and has received the Purple Heart. His wife, Mrs. Virginia Readenour, and his mother, Mrs. Ruth Readenour, live at 2605 North Jefferson avenue.

Pvt. Wilbert E. Steinhauser, 20, an infantryman, was seriously wounded in action Nov. 20 in Germany, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Steinhauser, 5627 Nottingham avenue, have learned.

Pvt. Dempsey N. Guthrie, 19, an infantryman, was wounded in action Nov. 26 in Germany. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey S. Guthrie, live at 1929 Fourth street, Madison.

Pvt. Maurice C. Wills, 24, an infantryman, was wounded in action in France Sept. 17, his wife, Mrs. Grace K. Wills, 117 Central avenue, Wood River, has been informed. His father, J. F. Wills, lives at 2119 Fifth street, Madison.

Pvt. Wilfred O. Neutzling, 22, an infantryman, has been wounded in action on Leyte Island and has received the Purple Heart. His wife, Mrs. Waltona Neutzling, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Neutzling, live in Glen Carbon, Ill.

Pvt. Earl B. Farrar, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Farrar of De Soto, Mo., has been wounded in action on Leyte Island.

Pvt. George Ehrig, 29, an infantryman, has been wounded in action in France and has received the Purple Heart. His wife, Mrs. Camelle Ehrig, lives at 4242 Hodiamont avenue, Pine Lawn. His mother, Mrs. Anna Ehrig, lives at 6825 Natural Bridge avenue.

Pvt. Marion L. Baker, 33, husband of Mrs. Annabel Baker, 3101 Hillcrest avenue, Alton, has been wounded in action in France and has received the Purple Heart.

Pvt. Dominic Graziana, 24, an infantryman, has been wounded in action in Germany. His wife, Mrs. Antonio W. Graziana, lives at 2618 Krum street, Alton.

Pvt. Gene Wilson, 21, member of a quartermaster unit, was wounded in action Dec. 1 in Holland, his mother, Mrs. Letta Wilson, Edwardsville, Ill., has been notified.

INJURED.

Pvt. Hugh L. McMaster, 26, cavalryman, was injured in action in Germany Nov. 28, his mother, Mrs. Mabel McMaster, 2607 Hebert street, has been informed.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

Pfc. Elza Ogle, has died of wounds suffered in action in Germany. His aunt, Mrs. Ella Ogle, lives at 214 Eldridge avenue, Webster Groves.

Lt. Benton H. Hughes, an infantryman, wounded in action in Germany. His mother is Mrs. Frank Paschang, 5069 Minerva avenue.

Staff Sgt. Charles Burbon, member of an armored infantry unit, wounded in action in Luxembourg. His sister, Mrs. Mary B. Roy, lives at 913 Rutger street.

Staff Sgt. John A. Redel, an infantryman, wounded in action in France. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Redel, 2720 South Fifty-ninth street.

Pfc. Leo L. Creamer, 36, serving with a medical corps unit, wounded in action on Leyte Island. He has received the Purple Heart. His father, Louis J. Creamer, lives at 1715A O'Fallon street.

Pfc. Eugene Koshner, an infantryman, wounded in action in France. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Koshner, 6051 Bartmer avenue.

Pfc. Harry M. Henkey, an infantryman, wounded in action in Germany. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henkey, live at 2344 Warren street.

Pfc. George A. Strasser, member of an engineer corps unit, wounded in action in France. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Strasser, live at 2325 Cleveland avenue, Granite City.

Pvt. Bernard Geitz, an infantryman, wounded in action in France. His aunt, Mrs. Regina Steiburg, lives at 1522 Fourth street, Madison.

Pvt. Lester H. Kopp, an infantryman, wounded in action in France. His wife, Mrs. Amelia Kopp, lives at 3959 Greer avenue.

PHOTOGRAPHER RUGH DIES

Ralph R. Rugh, a Globe-Democrat photographer for about 20 years, died of diabetes yesterday at his home, 8632 St. Charles Rock Road, St. John's Station.

Mr. Rugh, who was 49 years old, was formerly an aerial photographer for American Air Lines Inc. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Marion Rugh; a son, Aviation Machinist's Mate Richard R. Rugh; three brothers, Gene C., O. Arthur and Clem H. Rugh; two sisters, Mrs. Alverta Amelung and Mrs. Thelma S. Paul, and his mother, Mrs. Marybelle Rugh. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Mother of 3 Missing From Home.

Mrs. Lucille Crider Wheat, 28 years old, has been missing from her home at 1219A Morrison avenue since last Wednesday, when she left to visit her sister in East St. Louis, her husband, Floyd Wheat, who was discharged from the Army three weeks ago, reported to police yesterday. He said she failed to appear at the sister's home. They have three children.

F. D. R. SIGNS BILL FREEZING SOCIAL SECURITY LEVY

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but for some time the question of bringing into the plan farmers, domestics and other groups now outside the system has been under consideration.

Text of Statement.

Roosevelt's statement follows:

"I have reluctantly approved HR-5564, 'An act to fix the tax under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act, on employer and employes for calendar year 1945.'

"I have felt in the past and I still feel that the scheduled rate increase, which has been repeatedly postponed by Congress, should be permitted to go into effect. The long-run financial requirements of the social security system justified adherence to the scheduled increase, and the increase was consistent with wartime fiscal requirements.

"I feel sure that the Congress does not intend to jeopardize in any way the benefit rights which have already been built up in the past and which will continue to grow in the future. However, I am less disturbed, in view of the expressed commitments of both major political parties for comprehensive coverage under old-age and survivors insurance, by the present situation.

Merely Defers Receipts.

"Two matters should be clearly understood. The Congress should realize that this bill deferring a statutory increase in contributions toward existing social security merely defers until next year the necessary fiscal receipts to pay the benefits. Also, it does not seem to me wholly sound to enact a tax law and then defer the taxes year after year.

"The public will understand that as a nation we are committed to social security and will undoubtedly increase and not decrease its benefits. Already some other nations have a larger degree of social security than we. This bill in no way modifies the benefits provided by the present law, but it will be incumbent upon the next Congress thoroughly to review the methods of financing them.

"At an early date I plan to submit to the Congress a comprehensive plan for broadening and improving the Social Security system. At that time, I hope that a clear understanding of the Government's financial responsibilities for social security will emerge and that a long-term plan for allocating the costs of social security will be developed. The executive branch of the Government will always stand ready then to assist the Congress in working out a satisfactory solution."

Sues Ex-Husband on Unpaid Note.

Suit was filed in Circuit Court yesterday by Mrs. Myrtle M. Sidener, against her former husband, Howard Sidener, 4991 Arsenal street, former Circuit Attorney, on an unpaid promissory note of $899.86. In addition to the principal she asks for judgment at 6 per cent interest, dating from 1934, when the note matured. Sidener is now employed as a deputy in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners.

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FAMOUS-BARR CO. ORDERED TO CEASE UNFAIR PRACTICES

NLRB Instructs Store to Rehire 10 and to End Interference With Employes' Rights.

By a Washington Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The National Labor Relations Board today adopted the principal findings of a trial examiner holding the Famous-Barr Co. of St. Louis guilty of having engaged in unfair labor practices. It ordered the reinstatement with back pay of 10 employes alleged fired or laid off for union activities, and instructed the department store to cease all interferences with the rights of employes to organize and bargain collectively.

The company was further instructed to rescind immediately a rule against solicitation in behalf of the CIO United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employes' Union, in so far as such solicitation is done on the employes' own time, and to post immediately in conspicuous places throughout the store and in its three warehouses in St. Louis the findings and recommendations of the board.

The report of the trial examiner was filed with the board at Washington on Oct. 6, 1943, after hearings. In its finding today, the NLRB charged Famous-Barr with the following:

Employment of "undercover agents" to report to the management on the organizational activities of its employes.

Engaging in surveillance of union activities by having motion pictures and photographs made of union leaflet distribution and picketing activities in front of the store.

Telling employes in the fall of 1942 that it was not necessary for them to belong to a union in order to keep their employment, without at the same time making it clear that they could join a union and remain employed.

Attempting to link the union to alleged acts of vandalism in its store by telling the employes that "malicious destruction of merchandise and equipment by a small number of employes on our regular payroll" had started early in September, 1941, about the time the union renewed its organization campaign.

Telling a cleaning woman that the store had considered giving her a raise but changed its mind, and she "had the union to thank for that."

Advising another employe that he would not be given a wage increase as long as he belonged to the union, and then granting him one when he resigned from the union.

The board also agreed with the conclusion of the trial examiner that the department store enforced its no-union-solicitation rule discriminately against members of the CIO union, at the same time permitting solicitation on its premises on behalf of an AFL union.

FOUR SLOT MACHINES SEIZED BY EAST ST. LOUIS POLICE

Four slot machines were confiscated by East St. Louis police yesterday and taken to the basement of the police station in a department automobile, but Acting Chief of Police Henry C. Bishop said he knew nothing of it.

Two of the machines were removed from a pool room in the 300 block of Collinsville avenue, witnesses who saw them taken out said. The owner of the place denied he had ever had machines in it.

About the first of December, city officials ordered the machines taken out of all places except taverns, as had been promised last year when liquor licenses were increased from $500 to $1000. The machines are illegal.

OLIVER K. BOVARD'S CONDITION IMPROVED BUT STILL SERIOUS

Oliver K. Bovard, former managing editor of the Post-Dispatch, who has been a patient at Barnes Hospital since Nov. 20, was reported today by attending physicians to be slightly improved, although his condition remains serious.

Upon returning from a Canadian hunting trip, Mr. Bovard developed a bronchial infection accompanied by a fever. The infection was reported to have been cleared up, but the fever has persisted and its cause has not been fully diagnosed. His home is at Conway and Ballas roads, St. Louis County.



Dramatic Rescue of St. Louisan, 9 Other B-29 Men Adrift 11 Days

Finally Sighted After Giving Up Hope, 'We Cried, Aren't Ashamed of It,' Captain Says.

By VERN HAUGLAND

TWENTY-FIRST BOMBER COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Saipan, Dec. 16 (via Navy radio).—Ten happy men who survived a B-29 water landing in returning from the Tokyo raid of Dec. 3—13 days ago—and spent 11 days afloat on three rafts rejoined their unit today.

The men, who were rescued by a destroyer, include a St. Louisan, Cpl. Orville J. Granneman, radio operator.

The co-pilot of the Superfortress went down with the plane but the other 10 escaped injury and weathered the long sea wait in such remarkably good condition that none was hospitalized on his return here.

Another B-29 Crew Saved.

The 10 men were picked up Dec. 14, more than 300 miles north of Saipan almost at the same time that another destroyer was picking up 11 survivors of another B-29 crash about 300 miles away. This plane was returning from the Nagoya raid, Dec. 13. These 11, incuding Central Fire Control Sgt. Joseph Schuh of St. Louis, were brought here yesterday.

Capt. Frances J. Murray of Brooklyn, N. Y., commander of the crew that was rescued after 11 days, told how his Superfortress became a terrible ice-encased trap over Tokyo, Dec. 3, when the defrosting equipment failed. Thick frost on the windows prevented the pilots from seeing other planes in their formation and forced them to drop out to avoid a collision.

Plane Lands in Heavy Sea.

The bombardier was unable to see when the other planes in the formation dropped their bombs and was forced to drop his by guess—probably in the center of Tokyo—and the gunners were unable to see the enemy fighters which concentrated their fury on the blinded B-29.

Granneman sent a distress signal after enemy fire knocked out one of the B-29s engines. Then another and finally a third failed just before the plane was "ditched" at 8:30 p. m. in the darkness amid heavy swells. The plane broke in two in the middle. All but the co-pilot got out within two minutes, Capt. Murray said. The co-pilot was probably knocked out, Murray added. He was never seen again.

The tail end of the plane sank within 10 minutes and the nose went down a half hour later.

For five days the men in the three rafts kept their position and then gave up hope and started sailing toward the Philippines with the wind and the current, Murray said.

"We rationed food and water. In ten days, five planes passed over us very high without seeing us—B-24s. At 2:30 p. m., Dec. 13, Cpl. Edward Yeager of Battleground, Wash. (the electrical specialist) heard a plane which turned out to be another Navy B-24 (in Navy terminology known as a PB4Y.)

Flyer Drops Rations.

"Dean (Sgt. Charles C. Dean of Camden, Ark.) fired two rockets which the plane did not see, then he asked me for a third which had a punctured primer and would not work when we tried it before. This time it went off. The plane saw it and circled back.

"Everyone of us cried and we are not ashamed to admit it."

The PB4Y dropped rations and flares and departed.

Next morning at 8 o'clock a PBM (Martin Mariner) piloted from a base somewhere in the Marianas by Navy Lt. Robert W. Kobert, Sioux City, Ia., sighted the men and dropped a note saying that they would be picked up within an hour by a destroyer. They were—at 9:15 a. m.

Sgt. Schuh's Experience.

The entire crew of Sgt. Schuh's plane, the Umbriago, was rescued after spending the night in two rubber rafts. Their ship had come down on the water after running out of gasoline. When daylight came (Thursday) the commander, Lt. Lindsey M. Silvester, of Washington, D. C., climbed back into the floating B-29 and salvaged another liferaft, food, water and supplies.

A PBY search plane sighted the B-29 just before noon 85 miles north of Saipan by the glint of the sun on its tail. It summoned a destroyer and circled the area until it arrived.

Sgt. Schuh and other crewmen, who had escaped from the plane after its landing on the water, chopped holes through the plexiglass dome to free the radioman, Cpl. Paul J. Laika, of New York City. Schuh did not even get wet, but stepped into a life raft.

Cpl. Granneman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver H. Granneman, 4152 Wilmington avenue. His wife, Mrs. Virginia B. Granneman, lives at 3841A McRee avenue. Cpl. Granneman, 23 years old, entered service in December, 1942.

Sgt. Schuh, 21 years old, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Schuh, 9009 Gravois road, Affton. He has been in the army since leaving the Colorado School of Mines in his sophomore year in February, 1943, and was a crew member during the first raid over Tokyo, his mother said.



CPL. ORVILLE J. GRANNEMAN

WHITE CORN FLAKES BACK INTO USE AS JEWEL 'BOX 'SNOW'

Wintry Touch Given Floral Display When U. S. Relaxes Ruling on Cereal.

(Pictures in Everyday Magazine.)

It's a white Christmas again at the Jewel Box in Forest Park because the Government has released untoasted corn flakes for use as artificial snow. Last year the Jewel Box floral display lacked the wintry touch under a wartime ruling against employing the cereal decoratively.

Henry Ochs, city floriculturist, has used about 300 pounds of the bleached flakes in creating a setting in which a log cabin stands in the snow with doves of peace nearby, and a water wheel is icebound in a millstream. He calls it "Etched in White." Red and pink poinsettias, white stevia and green palm and rubber plants complete the display. At night it is floodlighted. Hours for the public are 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. daily and Sunday.

Shaw's Garden has an elaborate arrangement in the Floral Display House, with Christmas gold chrysanthemums contrasting with poinsettias and stevia. It is open daily and Sunday, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. The Board of Education Greenhouse, Field and Blow streets, south of Carondelet Park, has a display of poinsettias, stevia and hibiscus. Hours are 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily and Sunday. Displays at the three places will stay through New Year's week.

PATROLMAN DISCHARGED; LEFT BEAT UNNECESSARILY

Patrolman Roy E. Young of the Penrose Street Police District was discharged yesterday afternoon when the Board of Police Commissioners found him guilty of failure to patrol his beat, being unnecessarily absent from his beat and showing disrespect toward a superior officer.

Young's superior officer testified that on Dec. 2 Young was observed in a tavern at 1318 St. Louis avenue, a half block away from the district to which he was assigned, and that when warned about it he showed disrespect.

Young testified he was in the tavern looking for a man wanted by police for passing worthless checks. The officer, appointed to the department in 1930, was reduced to a probationary status in 1942 for six months when he was found guilty of neglect of duty and drinking intoxicating liquor.

EARLY RULING SOUGHT IN SUIT ON CONSTITUTION

Unless Case Is Expedited It Will Not Be Heard Until 22 Days Before Date for Election.

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 16 (AP).—State officials and Constitutional Convention leaders joined today in seeking a quick court ruling on a suit which seeks to tie up the convention's money for publicizing its new constitution, which will be voted on Feb. 27.

The suit, filed yesterday, asks the Cole County Circuit Court for an injunction preventing State Auditor Forrest Smith and Treasurer Wilson Bell from paying any warrants against an appropriation of $191,875 by the covention.

Prosecutor Files Demurrer.

Attorney General Roy McKittrick, acting as attorney for Smith and Bell, promptly filed a demurrer contending the suit raised "no cause of action" and asked for a quick decision. Unless the case is expedited it cannot be considered before Feb. 5—22 days before the election.

Meanwhile, Smith said he would pay no warrants against the fund, but A. G. Taubert of Warrensburg, head of the convention's information committee, said he had enough material and postage on hand to continue distribution of copies of the Constitution and other publications concerning it.

Robert E. Blake of St. Louis, president of the convention, called a meeting of its executive committee here Monday to discuss a course of action against the suit, and Charles H. Mayer of St. Joseph, head of the convention's campaign executive committee, predicted some way would be found "to avoid the harassment intended by those bringing such a lawsuit."

Asserting that "not one penny was appropriated for advertising or any other form of propaganda," but only money "deemed necessary to inform the voters as to what they would be voting on," Mayer said the suit "obviously was intended to hamper the educational campaign just getting started."

Charges Authority Exceeded.

One of the attorneys who filed the suit in behalf of J. D. Gustin of Springfield was Frank B. Williams, also of Springfield, an outspoken opponent of the proposed constitution although a member of the convention which wrote it.

Williams issued a statement asserting the convention exceeded its power "to expend tax money belonging to all of us to promote the desires and purposes of a group. This suit is on the question of the justice and fairness of using public money for private ends."

The Constitution, he insisted, does not authorize the convention to spend tax money either "to promote or defeat the adoption of a new constitution."

EVERGREEN GARDENS OPEN AGAIN AS GAMBLING CASINO

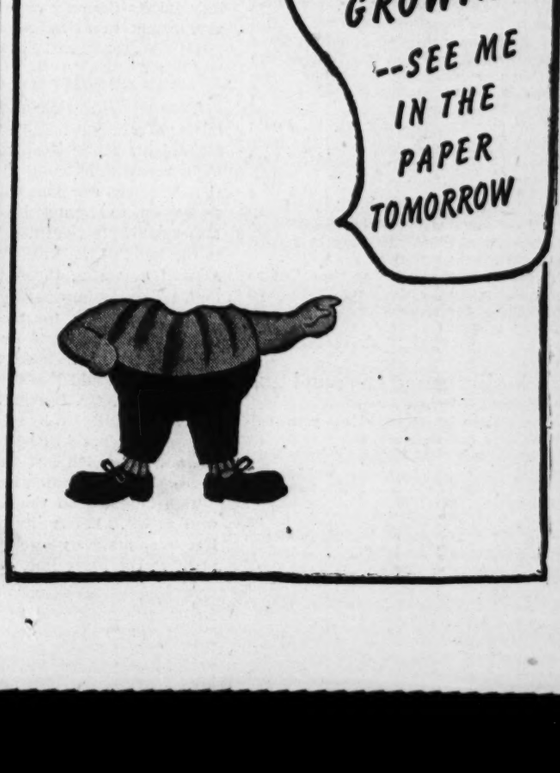
Evergreen Gardens, at the intersection of Highways 40 and 159 in Madison County, opened last night as a gambling establishment operated by a group from Edwardsville. The opening had not been advertised, and fewer than 100 persons were present.

Facilities for dice, chuckaluck, roulette and blackjack were set up, but most of the customers spent their time at the bar. A dining room and dance floor are also in the building.

The place was formerly operated by Harry Murdoch and Jack Langer, but had not been used for gambling for about two years. It was reportedly opened as a casino, in the expectation it would draw trade which formerly patronized Club Royal, near Belleville, which closed nearly three months ago after a shooting.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Red Tape in Hiring

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

The Government has men go to manpower boards from town to town—and they hardly employ a handful. Why?

I have a good trade, have worked at it for 25 years; in fact, I was working at my trade for the Government during the last war and there was never a complaint about my work. Since then, I have been working at the same trade and have never been discharged on account of my physical condition. I am a union man and draw the scale.

I thought I would like to do my part this time. I contacted an interviewer in regard to a job at Pearl Harbor.

He said it would take at least half a day to go through the application—where you worked for the past 10 years, —how much you got an hour—why you quit or got laid off—where your parents were born; if dead, what was the cause of their death—married or single —how much education—present a birth certificate — get fingerprinted and mugged—get a medical examination. Then wait to have your papers graded and investigated.

What have they after all of that? Chances are they would still not get a man who could do the work. If they really want men, why don't they give them a trial or let a person give three or four references or a recommendation from his local union? Why all the delay with no results to anyone?

FRANK H. FEWING.

Dexter, Mo.

Christmas Commercialized? No!

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

Why do they say it's commercialized? Why, if the stores didn't trim up and decorate and offer bright, attractive merchandise, and Bing Crosby singing "Silent Night" on the loud speaker—why, Christmas would be a dead thing.

The very crowds and lights and bright merchandise and eager saleladies and clinking cash registers are full of Christmas spirit! And after the roaring shopping days and packing bright, mysterious parcels and trimming the tree—come midnight and the church bells. To those who understand what it's all about, it is a time of joy and happiness.

ANNE LOIS TILHAM.

Democracy for Greece

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

To aid us further to an understanding regarding democracy versus monarchy in Greece of the last quarter century, I suggest you publish the lineage of this King George II and the salient points in the career of the Greek patriot and statesman, Eleutherios Venizelos, dead in the year 1936, upon whom the reactionaries pronounced anathema more than once.

He who loves democracy, the rule of the people for the people's good, the greatest and the least, rejoices in the recent pronouncement of the State Department of the United States.

To what end should Greece have a King—and an alien King? Long live democracy in the land of its birth! It is bought with the blood of martyrs from Marathon in 490 B. C. to Constitution Square, in Athene's city in 1944 and elsewhere in that sacred soil.

M. B. B.

For Rationing Cigarettes

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

I heartily agree with A. L. R. of Kirkwood: the cigarette situation does smell.

It seems that only those who buy other merchandise (in this particular case it was liquor) are entitled to a pack of smokes. In the last four days I have not been able to find one package in Wellston.

I know of a private civilian (no dealer of any merchandise) who can buy—and does—three or four cartons every week direct from the salesman, who even delivers them to him.

Now, I ask you, why can't cigarettes be rationed the same as sugar, shoes, tires, gas or any other item, in order to give all an equal chance at them?

MRS. J. B. W.

Better Transit Facilities Needed

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

In all the postwar plans which have been advanced for our city, one of the most urgent improvements has been relegated to the background—improved transportation, rapid transit.

If present trends continue, St. Louis will see increased industrial activity with resulting population gains. Our present transportation system is inadequate to serve the needs of a growing city. Decentralization and resulting property loss and decay will be the obvious result of a short-sided policy in regard to public transportation.

It seems to me that the time is ripe for your powerful voice again to take up the cry for a co-ordinated surface-subway system.

ROBERT C. WEHNER.

No Inaugural Thousand

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

The following appeared on your editorial page last Saturday:

"Members of the 1000 Club have been invited to the inauguration. Confirming the Republicans' darkest suspicions."

Query: Is this trip really necessary? If not, I recommend the members stay home. If it is, maybe the Republicans have something, after all.

WM. COQUELIN.

For the Future of Poland

Winston Churchill has been under hot fire of liberal-minded citizens in all the Allied countries, including his own, in recent weeks for his last-ditch support of reactionary governments in Greece, Belgium and Italy. Now he is due for some praise from those same citizens because of his progressive and realistic stand on another problem-country, Poland.

Addressing the House of Commons yesterday, Churchill stated a policy as to Poland almost exactly contrary to his position on Greece and Belgium. In those countries, official Britain supports the returned exile governments to the point of using force to keep them in power. As to Poland, Churchill yesterday read a stern lecture to its Government-in-Exile and strongly hinted withdrawal of recognition because of the London group's resistance to accepting the Russian program for border rectification.

It is obvious that the hopes for future peace in Eastern Europe will be dismal indeed if the Polish group in London continues its stiff-necked attitude toward Russia's overtures—just as obvious as the hopelessness of future domestic peace in Belgium and Greece if their governments hold power only by the force of foreign tanks and bombing planes. In view of Churchill's clear-sightedness on the Polish question, there is hope that he will yet see the sound reasons for abandoning his support of the reactionaries in other liberated countries.

Russia is asking for a part of Eastern pre-war Poland, but this is no territorial grab, as the London Poles represent it. Instead, it is a return to the line of demarkation fixed at the 1919 peace conference by Lord Curzon, the British Foreign Secretary, and a group of distinguished and non-Communist authorities. This Curzon line gives to Russia a sizable territory of importance to its future safety from invasion, and a population of which 80 per cent is Russian, as was admitted by Marshal Pilsudski, the Polish leader who seized the area after World War I.

If Churchill's rebuke to the London Poles is an indication that the Lublin committee will be recognized by Britain, then the London group has brought this defeat upon itself. With the conciliatory Mikolajczyk out of the Cabinet, its attitude is even more stiff-necked than before. There can be no denying the Churchill statement that "it is in the profound future interest of the Polish nation" to reach agreement with Russia at once. If the London group will not negotiate on a reasonable basis, the Lublin group will inevitably be called in.

When Churchill reached the matter of "compensating" Poland by a grant of German territory along the Baltic, he stood on far less certain ground than in the earlier parts of his address. As we said in an editorial last April 2, "To place large German minorities within Poland is to set up the same old chain of unrest, subjugation and Fascism that we have been told we are fighting to break at last."

Churchill would get around this danger by moving the Germans from East Prussia into the remaining parts of the Reich. This may eliminate the danger of creating another national minority such as the Sudeten group that Hitler used as a pretext for engulfing Czechoslovakia. It would not, however, prevent the land itself from becoming a bone of international contention at some future time, and thus a barrier to the world co-operation hoped for after the war.

All this means no change in the recognition of Poland's claims to be independent and strong when peace returns. Stalin has guaranteed that specifically several times. Churchill reiterated the British pledge yesterday. But the Polish are being better served toward attaining that end by the forthright declarations of the British Prime Minister than by the bullheaded blundering of the Colonels' clique in London.

Brief resume of recent British political foreign policy: Winnie? Pooh!

Against Despotism in Salvador

Whether a revolution is going on in El Salvador, as dispatches from Guatemala City say, or whether it isn't, as the Salvadorian Government officially declares, the issues between the Salinas Government and the revolutionaries are clear-cut.

President Aguirre y Salinas rules El Salvador for a "palace guard" clique which on Oct. 21-24 overthrew the democratic, moderate Government of Ignacio Menendez in a bloodless coup and restored the despotic power of the Martinez element.

Menendez had succeeded Maximiliano Martinez May 10 after the latter, forced from office, fled to Guatemala. The republicans, one of whose principal objectives is land reform, maintained, in their brief tenure of five months, a Government described as "enthusiastic but amateurish."

The republican Government-in-Exile has lived on at Guatemala City and is reported now to be attempting to regain control of El Salvador by setting up a provisional capital at Ahuachapan. Though the revolutionaries' past performances, both in insurrection and in government, do not justify the stoutest hopes for their cause, they justify the only present hopes for popular government in El Salvador.

Laughter on the Left

Alexander Korneichuk, the former Vice Commissar of Foreign Affairs who graduated into a playwright, really doubled in brass Thursday night when he lathered the solemnities of Russian-American relations with satire, Soviet style. According to Daniel De Luce's report from Moscow, his play, entitled "Mr. Perkins' Mission to the Land of the Bolsheviks," and full of corn as well as vodka, threw the spectators at the Satire Theater into paroxysms of delight.

The theme was the visit of a Big Business man from Chicago and the journalist who went along on the trip. When a charming girl guide asked if he would like to see "Anna Karenina" that evening, Mr. Perkins showed proper North Shore sophistication by replying, "I haven't time for women"; but still he learned from his travels, and concluded that Russia's chief shortcoming was that "it doesn't know its own strength."

This laughter on the Left shows wisdom as well as wit. It does its bit to lay the ghost of Russia as a state where stupid solemnity is implicit in the party line. Quips and cranks and wanton wiles are standard in the land of the bear who laughs like a man. The Russian knows as few others do that life is too serious to be taken always seriously. His humor over "Mr. Perkins" shows a salutary sense of proportion that might do some of our Senators a world of good.

A Move to Block the Constitution

Frank B. Williams of Springfield was a member of the Missouri Constitutional Convention, which rewrote the State's archaic charter in sessions lasting more than a year, and drew up plans for informing the voters about the changes. Williams opposed some parts of the draft, notably retention of the non-partisan court plan, but he signed the document, and agreed that, while he still didn't favor all of the Constitution, it should be submitted to the voters for their decision.

Now Williams turns up as a lawyer for a Springfield citizen who has filed suit to prevent expenditure of $191,875 appropriated for submitting the new Constitution to the voters in a special election, set for Feb. 27. It is declared that the pamphlet summarizing the convention's work is one-sided, in that it indorses the draft, and hence does not "give a true statement of the changes made in the present Constitution."

Just what did Williams and his client expect? That the convention should issue a statement attacking sections of the document it had just approved, or that the delegates should say they had done just a so-so piece of work which they didn't care to indorse?

Naturally, the great majority of the delegates felt their work did not end with adjournment, but that they had a responsibility for telling the people how their State Government would be improved by adoption of the Constitution. If Williams and the other participants in the suit don't like the revised version, they are free to go all over the State talking against it. But as for trying to block the special election by this law suit—that doesn't look like any keen desire to let the people decide on the new Constitution. It looks more like pure obstructionism.

Postwar Fund for the State

A highway construction program to cost from 90 to 100 million dollars, as envisaged by the Missouri State Highway Department, lends emphasis to the Kansas City Star's proposal, reprinted in today's Mirror of Public Opinion, of a postwar fund for the State, to be made up of savings during the war. Half of the road program, according to the dispatch from our Jefferson City correspondent, would be financed by the State, while Uncle Sam would be expected to put up the rest.

Most State officials look to Washington for funds for everything, but, as the Kansas City paper suggests, many Congressmen are figuring that state treasuries will come out of the war in much better shape than the Federal Government's, and may ask the states to pay their own bills.

The State's postwar construction needs will be tremendous, and a postwar fund would be of the greatest benefit to getting the work under way promptly and on a comprehensive and substantial scale. Or the money might be kept as cash in the bank, a backlog for unpredictable emergency.

Britain's College Problem

In the course of the critical self-examination of their domestic institutions, to judge how serviceable these will prove for the postwar years, the British have concluded that they must expand their universities in a major fashion, or fall far behind the rest of the Western world. The discussion affords an interesting sidelight on the similar problem which concerns the educators of these United States.

During World War I, the London Economist has pointed out, university education in Britain almost ceased. Currently, it is expected that in a few months, six years of normal recruits will be seeking entrance, and the pre-war figure of 50,000 university students may be doubled within a year of V-E day. Therefore the whole plant of the universities must be greatly expanded.

An even more radical enlargement is called for, if the need for more teachers, public administrators and professional and scientific workers is to be met. Britain's effort to rehabilitate her foreign trade in postwar years is felt to require the aid of the highest education for staffing her industrial and business concerns, to say nothing of the Government departments concerned with fostering the comeback.

This will call for a great increase in the money Britain provides for education at college levels and above. The comparison between her university income, with 48 million people, and ours, with 130 million, for the school year 1938-39 shows a total British figure of about $32,500,000 against an American one of some $485,000,000, or almost 15 times as large. Before we adopted conscription late in 1940, we had over a million students in college, against Britain's 50,000.

The Economist feels that while American education has suffered quantitatively from the extent and rapidity of its growth, "on balance the American community has benefited," and that Britain must make major increases in public aid to universities. In America, as in Britain, this is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

To Greenland's Icy Mountains

The Coast Guard's disclosure this week of its four-month campaign in Greenland, triumphantly concluded with the destruction of German installations and the capture of Nazi ships and men, illustrates, of course, that this is total war, geographically as well as polyhibiously. The Coast Guard did well in this smashing of what the Navy described as a "determined Nazi effort" to establish fortified bases on the largest island in the world. The saga of these battles in the ice floes deserves notice in the history of the American achievement.

Even more so does the nature of the victorious force. The Coast Guardsman is a soldier of peace, his training to warn of danger, save distressed ships, succor the victims of reefs, fogs and storms. Great has been the Coast Guard's devotion to the mercies of peace, and magnificent the conversion of its talents to the winning of the war.



LOVE ME, LOVE MY DOGS

—From the Chicago Sun.

Spend or Save Missouri's Surplus?

The Mirror of Public Opinion

Next Legislature must decide what should be done with the war windfall, says paper; as with other states, construction and maintenance costs have declined here while tax receipts increased; New York is building postwar fund, and we are urged to follow suit.

From the Kansas City Star

The next Missouri Legislature, like most of the other state legislatures, will soon have to make up its mind the same as millions of individuals. The question is what to do about the war surplus—spend it or save it for the postwar period?

The people garnering the big war wages and profits are answering individually. Some are spending everything—others are laying by for the uncertain future. When it comes to the state governments it is the legislatures that have to decide.

The same war that is piling up a fantastic Federal debt is making most of the states rich; or, at least, they feel rich. Business activity has increased the sales tax and other tax collections. War restrictions have forced them to forego part of the maintenance on state buildings and highways. New construction has ceased.

Money Is Piling Up

The money is, or should be, piling up as surpluses. The Council of State Governments estimates the total of these state surpluses at three billion dollars in addition to the five billion dollars to their accounts for unemployment compensation.

The preview of Missouri departmental budget requests shows that the department heads want to spend their own State's surplus as fast as they can. Among them they are asking 36⅓ million dollars more than they received for the last biennium. That's the asking price, of course. The Legislature will have the last word.

The reasons for state saving for the duration are as obvious as the case for a wage earner's holding onto his war windfall. Nobody knows what big expenses will come with the peace.

For all the states' rights talk among state officials, most of them look to the Federal Government for everything. One of these days they may be shocked to discover that Congress has given them the right to pay their own bills, whether they like it or not.

Around Capitol Hill in Washington you hear a lot of talk about what the states will have to do in the postwar period. Many Congressmen reason that state treasuries will be a lot better able to pay their postwar debts than a Federal Government that is 250 to 300 billion dollars in debt.

Could Build State Surplus

In wartime individuals are expected to put their money into war bonds instead of baubles. State governments are expected to hold theirs as the first line of defense against the uncertainties of the future.

Henry F. Pringle, writing in the Saturday Evening Post, reports that most states are determined to hold their war surpluses. Early this year Gov. Dewey of New York was able to get his Legislature to put 163 million dollars into a postwar reconstruction fund which has grown to 180 millions.

"This is not a normal surplus," he said. "It has come to us out of the hurricane of war. We hold it only as trustees."

California has set up a special postwar reserve of 118½ million dollars. Many of the surpluses of smaller states are keeping the same proportion.

Before the next Missouri Legislature can decide individual appropriations intelligently it will have to answer the main question of policy: Does it intend to save or spend the war windfall? If it intends to get ready for the postwar years, it could well afford to follow the example of New York and California—set up a postwar fund and make sure the money doesn't get away.

President of the People

From the Detroit News

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, whose editorial page generally is worth reading, has published an editorial on President Roosevelt's re-election, which we hope will come to his attention.

It was intended for his eyes as a reminder that the comparatively narrow popular majority given him hardly can be held a blanket indorsement.

The Post-Dispatch supported him for re-election, but now asks him to consider well that the chief factor in his election success was in all probability the country's reluctance to "swap horses in midstream." He will make a tragic mistake, it says, "if he ever lets himself forget, in the next four years, the great Republican minority that opposed him."

It goes on to suggest some things Mr. Roosevelt might do, if he wants to "reassure, not only the more than 21,000,000 Republicans, but also those who voted the Democratic ticket reluctantly."

The Post-Dispatch wants new blood in the Cabinet. It wants a foreign policy less involved in the personal fortunes of such characters as Victor Emmanuel and more concerned with identifying us "unquestionably with the democratic forces of Europe."

It wants him generally to quit playing with Hague, Kelly, Flynn "and a lot of other city bosses."

It says, adverting to another kind of boss, that the country will be watching from now on "to see just what, in the campaign phrase, he chooses to clear with Sidney." The country, it says, "expects him to curb the excesses of trade unionism just as he curbed the excesses of capitalism."

It exhorts him, if he would make good his promise of 60,000,000 postwar jobs, to seek "not the passive but the active cooperation of private industry" and tells him, to that end, to "play fair" with it.

"In short," concludes the Post-Dispatch, "Mr. Roosevelt should remind himself that he is now, in a very special sense, President of all the people, that he has no chattel mortgage on the White House, that Washington, as he himself said the other day, is not his permanent home, and that his address continues to be No. 1600 Pennsylvania avenue primarily because we have not yet defeated the Germans and the Japs. May he act accordingly, so that his third-term Stetson will fit him in his fourth term, too."

To all of which, coming from a Roosevelt-supporting newspaper, we cordially say, Amen.

Fine Book on a Clipper Ship Is Both History and Fiction

"The Sea Witch," by Alexander Laing. (Murray Hill Books, New York.)

This memorable book was first published 10 years ago, and comes now in the first edition with illustrations, by Gordon Grant —some of them in color.

Mr. Laing selects the ship he best loves of all the clippers which made the United States pre-eminent in merchant shipping in the middle of the last century. The form of his book lacks coherence, for it can never make up its mind to be a novel (in fact, he says it is not one); and it is never entirely "a history of manners, and of a certain ship," which he says it is, because he is constantly skipping from history to essay to novel. For this reason, the reading demands a reader as versatile and mercurial as its writer, and interest, accordingly, sometimes lags.

Purely as novelist, moreover, Mr. Laing leaves something to be desired; for neither his characters nor his scenes ever altogether come to life. But perhaps they do not matter; only the Sea Witch matters, and when it goes down the author drops his human characters' lives incontinently in mid-passage.

If the book must be classified, it is an antiquarian's love-song. "The clipper ship as a type," says Mr. Laing, "can justly be called the greatest achievemeht of any national ethos in the last century, combining miraculous beauty with vital use." As a piece of book-making also, "The Sea Witch" is beautiful.

RUFUS TERRAL.

Books for Younger Readers

"The Mysterious Continent" (Bobbs-Merrill), by Charlotte Lohse and Judith Seaton. Discovery stories of the South Pacific islands now in the war news.

"General Ike" (Holt), by Alden Hatch. Fine biography of Gen. Eisenhower, for older boys and adults. Many photographs.

"George Carver, Boy Scientist" (Bobbs-Merrill), by Augusta Stevenson. About the youth of the noted Missouri-born Negro scientist, well told and illustrated.

"Willie's Walk to Grandmama" (Scott), by Margaret Wise Brown and Rockbridge Campbell. A small child's long trip alone from the city to the country, without misadventure—not exactly a good example.

"Here Comes Daddy" (Scott), by Winifred Milius. Will probably appeal to 2- and 3-year-olds who begin anticipating paternal arrivals in late afternoon. Rather impressionistically illustrated for youngsters.

"United Animals Town" (Island Press) by Alfred Baker Lewis. A juvenile parable: the United Animals are threatened by Awful Ape Adolph, Goering Gorilla, et al, but come out ahead.

"Fuss 'n' Feathers" (Longmans), by Laura Long. Biography of Winfield T. Scott, bold and plain-spoken military hero, very well written.

"Yea! Wildcats!" (Harcourt), by John R. Tunis. Up to this favorite writer's high standard. A good sports story (basketball this time), and a lesson in citizenship.

"Logging Chance" (Winston), by M. H. Lasher. A high school boy gets a summer job in a logging camp and solves a mystery. Lively reading and good illustrations.

"Toys You Can Make of Wood" (Greenberg), by Lawry Turpin. How younger children can build their own playthings; directions and illustrations.

"Champlain, Northwest Voyager" (Little Brown), by Louise Hall Tharp. Junior biography of a noted explorer; excellent illustrations by Charles B. Wilson.

"The Story Behind Great Inventions" (McBride), by Elizabeth Rider Montgomery. Excellent popularization for scientific-minded youngsters.

WALTER LIPPMANN

Mr. Churchill and the Resistance

BY this time there ought to be agreement in Moscow, London and Washington, that none of them has yet solved the problem of establishing a generally accepted government in newly liberated territory. Marshal Stalin has not yet found the answer in Poland or Yugoslavia, nor Mr. Churchill in Belgium and Greece, nor Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill together in Italy, nor did Mr. Roosevelt alone have the answer when he was trying to form a French policy.

At the very least it is evident, therefore, that there is a great problem here which is not going to be solved, or even clarified, by absent-mindedly using the old rubber stamps about Bolshevism, reactionary imperialism, power politics and democracy.

The problem, though different in detail and in degree in each country which was overrun by the Nazis, has nevertheless certain common and fundamental elements in all of them. It is the problem of how to unite the legally recognized government with the armed forces of the resistance. This problem cannot be solved, and is not being solved, by saying that every one should accept the recognized government and wait until orderly elections can be held.

Interim Governments Needed.

In most of liberated Europe perhaps all of it, it is for the time being impossible to hold elections. In Greece, for example, there has been so much destruction that a great part of the lists of voters have disappeared, bridges are down and tunnels blown and railway tracks plowed up, telegraphs and telephones are out of order.

As far north as Lamia, which is well to the north of Athens, the Germans left behind them five locomotives in working order and about 50 railway cars! It is evident that Greece must have an acceptable Government which creates the material conditions in which elections are possible. Elections must follow and they cannot precede the establishment of an effective government that the people accept.

The question is how to institute a government immediately for this interim period. Mr. Churchill has tried to answer the question in Italy, in Belgium, and in Greece by giving his support to the legally recognized authority which bears "those powers and traditions the continuity of which many countries have highly developed." In the execution of this policy, he has run afoul of the armed patriots of the resistance, and has found himself denouncing them as Bolshevists, anarchists and brigands.

This is a tragic conflict, because to Churchill above all other men the world will be forever in debt for having rallied the resistance to Nazism.

Old Title Deeds Impaired.

In the last analysis the conflict has arisen, I believe, because Mr. Churchill is trying to apply the great principle of legitimacy in government without a correct appreciation of the unprecedented condition of affairs which the Nazi conquest and occupation have created.

The European Governments which existed in 1939 have the title deeds of continuity and legitimacy. But their titles are impaired because in one way or another these govenments failed in the highest duty of a government, which is to maintain the independence of the nation. In some cases, the failure was honorable, in others not so honorable; in all cases the burden of resisting conquest was at least shared by the organized forces of the resistance within the German lines. These resistance movements had no legal titles. Yet they performed the greatest function of legitimate government, which is to preserve the national independence.

By virtue of this the extra-constitutional forces have themselves acquired a title of legitimacy which in justice and in expediency must be recognized, which cannot be ignored and overridden.

In a very real sense they too represent that "continuity" of "powers and traditions" which Mr. Churchill finds in the established governments, but in them alone. The problem is how to fuse the legitimacy acquired by the resistance movements with the legitimacy inherited by the old governments.

New and Old Must Join.

This cannot be done by ordering the resistance movements to hand over their arms to the governments, and then to dissolve and disappear. Where this has been attempted, as in Greece and Belgium, it has led to bloodshed, or as in Italy to stagnation and confusion.

The experience of France, and what is likely to be the experience of the Netherlands and of Norway, demonstrates that in this interim period after the Germans leave and before the country has recovered some semblance of a normal life, government is possible only if the resistance movement is treated with high respect as one of the legitimate pillars of the provisional state.

There are no clear and obvious precedents to guide us in this situation. Statesmen have to break new ground in order to amalgamate what remains of the old states—because it is not discredited by treason, collaboration, or cowardly incompetence—with the new authority formed in the struggle with the Germans. The French Consultative Assembly, which combines elements of the old with the representatives of the new, is almost certainly the prototype of the best that is possible in the way of a popular foundation for government in a newly liberated country.

Need for Mutual Trust.

It is certain, I think, that the old governments cannot survive without the support of the organized resistance movements. On the other hand, it is true also, and realized, I believe, by the resistance leaders, that they alone cannot discharge the whole responsibility of government. They have lived and fought inside the German lines, and in this terrible struggle many of their best men have perished; all of them have been cut off from contact with the rest of the world; all of them feel that for four years they have been out of touch with affairs. They need, especially in their foreign relations, the leadership of men who have lived in the free world.

But they will never accept the leadership of such men if the first proposal put to them by the returning exiles is that they should disarm, dissolve and disappear. For they will trust the men from the outside only if these men begin by trusting the men who were inside.

Wherever that fundamental condition is violated there will be the most serious kind of trouble.

$10,000,000 BOND SALES GAIN; TOTAL NOW $186,692,000

Goal Surpassed by 20 Pct. —E Series Subscriptions Rise to $14,247,412.

War bond sales in the St. Louis area in the Sixth War Loan campaign gained $10,000,000 in the last 24 hours bringing the total to $186,692,000 or nearly 20 per cent more than the original goal of $156,081,000.

Subscriptions to E bonds, which had been lagging, continued to show improvement as the E bond totals reached $14,247,412 which is 54.9 of a $25,917,400 objective. While the campaign ends officially today E bonds sold and cleared through the Federal Reserve Bank by Dec. 30 will be credited.

Additional corporate subscriptions reported yesterday were: Hussman-Ligonier Co., $700,000; John Deere Plow Co., $290,000; St. Louis Dairy Co., $110,000; General Grocer Co., $100,000; Luyties Pharmacal Co., $65,000; Libson Shops, $50,000; Universal Film Exchanges, $35,000; Frazier-Davis Construction Co., $25,000; Wetterau Grocery Co., $25,000; International Business Machines Co., $20,000; Pittsburg Plate Glass Co., $20,000; Haskells & Harpers Smart Shop, $15,000; N. S. Wood, Inc., $10,000; E. A. Schmid Co., $10,000; Gus Gillerman Iron & Metal Co., $10,000, and Gamble Construction Co., $10,000.

Employe groups reaching or exceeding their quotas included McDonald Construction Co., Thomas & Proetz Lumber Co., Messing Planing Mills, Harris Langenberg Hat Co., Anfenger Advertising Agency Inc., Style-Rite Co., Alex Carafiol, Inc., McMullen Printing Co., Griesedieck Western Brewing Company of Missouri, St. Louis Union Trust Co., Reo Motors, Inc., Elanor Frocks Mfg. Co., I. Holtzman, Inc., Universal Printing Co. and the Benjamin Anseh Co.

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau will deliver a radio address on the Sixth War Loan campaign over a national hookup at 9:15 o'clock tonight on the Mutual network.

U. S. Loan Total $17,051,000,000, Three Billion Over Quota.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).—The Sixth War Loan drive ends today and, with a lot of money yet to be counted, $17,051,000,000 already is in Uncle Sam's vault. That's three billion dollars above the quota.

Individual sales stand at 79 per cent of the quota for individual bond-buyers, and the E bond figure has reached 64 per cent of quota.

TWO SOLDIER-PRISONERS FLEE, HURT IN AUTO UPSET IN CHASE

Two military prisoners who escaped from a work detail at Fort Leonard Wood yesterday were injured last night when a stolen automobile they were driving overturned four miles west of Fenton on Highway 30 while being pursued at 80 miles an hour by State Highway patrolmen.

Pvt. Jack A. Smerkowitz of Philadelphia, whose wife, Mrs. Geraldine Smerkowitz, lives at 1801A Rutger street, suffered serious internal injuries when he was pinned beneath the car. Pvt. Alfred McCreary, who was driving, suffered an arm injury. They were removed to the Jefferson Barracks Hospital.

The State Highway Patrol set up a road blockade for the stolen car after a Bourbon (Mo.) filling station operator reported the two soldiers had driven away without paying for gasoline. The chase started 10 miles west of Fenton and ended abruptly when the soldiers' car overturned three times after failing to round a curve.

Fort Leonard Wood authorities said the pair had violated their parole from a previous court-martial by being absent without leave and were on the work detail while awaiting disposition of their cases. The automobile belonged to an enlisted man at the base.

$4020 TO $5040 MORE VOTED BY SENATORS TO HIRE CLERKS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).—Senators voted themselves an additional $4020 to $5040 yearly for clerk hire in passing a 564 million supplemental appropriation bill yesterday.

The measure carrying 165 million dollars more than the House had voted, was sent back to that body. The House then approved the amendment. The House recently voted to allow its members an additional $3000 each for clerk hire. The increase for members of both houses, would become effective Jan. 1.

A major part of the money in the bill is for the Navy, with the Bureau of Yards and Docks getting 250 million. Biggest addition made by the Senate was 100 million dollars for the smaller war plants corporation for loans to small business.

ALLIES TO BAR TEACHING OF 'ART OF WAR' IN REICH

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP).—The Allies will bar teaching in German schools of military subjects or anything dealing with the "art of war," Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told the German people today in a message broadcast by the Luxembourg radio.

Catholic Bishop McAuliffe Dies.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 16 (AP).—The Most Rev. Maurice F. McAuliffe, bishop of the Hartford diocese of the Catholic Church, died last night. He was 69 years old.

TWO FOR SURPLUS BOARD ARE UNFIT, AUSTIN CONTENDS

Argues Men Lack Experience to Handle 100 Billion in Property—Delay on 6 Others.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).—Senator Austin (Rep.), Vermont, opened a fight on President Roosevelt's two nominees for the Surplus War Property Board today with the argument that they lack "experience and standing."

Continued debate over the appointments of former Gov. Robert A. Hurley of Connecticut, as board chairman, and Lt. Col. Robert A. Heller as a member, delayed consideration of six bitterly contested State Department nominations.

"There will come a day when people will turn to this record and read the names of those who have chosen men of the type of these two candidates," Austin told his colleagues.

"They are going to ask how it happened that men with no more actual experience and no more standing at the time were chosen for this great responsibility."

Hurley made an unsuccessful bid to capture Connecticut's governorship on Nov. 7. Austin referred to this, and at one point said that Heller was an active Democrat in California.

Senator Gillette (Dem.), Iowa, is expected to be named as the third member of the board at the end of his Senate term Jan. 3. He was defeated for re-election by Republican Gov. Bourke B. Hickenlooper.

Asserting the board would handle property valued at 100 billion dollars, Austin said, "Our obligation is grave enough to cause us, as representatives of the men on the battlefield, to examine these names with utmost care and decide whether they are the very best."

He said he wanted to make it clear that he was not "charging Col. Heller or Gov. Hurley with any crookedness or fraud or misconduct."

Chandler on Partisanship.

Senator Chandler (Dem.), Kentucky, said that members of his party had made an effort while the nominations were before the Military Affairs Committee "to prove that being a Democrat didn't wholly disqualify one to hold office." Some Republican members, he added, still didn't seem to be convinced.

Chandler, a leader in a successful fight last week to send back to the Foreign Relations Committee four of the State Department nominations, challenged the Republicans "to be just as diligent" in ascertaining "the political motives and views" of those appointees.

Senator Downey (Dem.), California, read a telegram from Heller, sent from Cambridge, Mass., asserting he would not permit any concern with which he was connected to deal for surplus property if he could prevent it. If he could not prevent it, he said, he would notify the Attorney General.

Downey said that to his own knowledge, numerous Republican Senators had received indorsements of Heller from prominent Republicans in the West.

Doubts Filibuster Likely.

Chandler yesterday discounted the talk of a filibuster in connection with the State Department nominations, but there was always the chance of delay from opponents of the State Department nominations who might consider it to their advantage to kill time by talking at length about Hurley and Heller.

Most of the opposition to the State Department nominees centered on Archibald MacLeish, Librarian of Congress, and Will L. Clayton, ex-cotton broker who was former Surplus Property Administrator.

Senator Pepper (Dem.), Florida, said he expected Senators Guffey (Dem.), Pennsylvania, and Murray (Dem.), Montana, fellow New Dealers, and La Follette (Prog.), Wisconsin, to join him in a motion to send all six nominations back to the White House for reconsideration.

"I feel that these nominations did not originate with the President," Pepper said, "and that by reflection and reconsideration, he will feel that they are not in the public interest."

MRS. LOUISA GAIENNIE FUNERAL

Funeral services for Mrs. Louisa Elder Gaiennie, formerly of St. Louis, will be held at St. Louis Cathedral, 4401 Lindell boulevard, at 9 o'clock Monday morning. Mrs. Gaiennie, a charter member of Margaret McClure Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, died Dec. 13 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Jefferson of Chicago. She was 95 years old.

Mrs. Gaiennie was the widow of the late Frank Gaiennie, former president of the Merchants' Exchange. She also is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Antony Allemang, 6620 San Bonita avenue, Clayton, and two sons, George Gaiennie and Gerzais Gaiennie. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery.

GASOLINE RATIONS UNCHANGED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).—The Petroleum Administration for War announced yesterday a civilian gasoline allocation calculated to permit a continuance of present consumer rations during the first quarter of 1945.

The allocation is 1,144,000 barrels, a decrease of 29,000 barrels daily from the fourth quarter of 1944. The cut allows for the seasonal decline in the use of automotive gasoline.

LAPSE OF MEMORY BY CHURCHILL ON ATLANTIC CHARTER

He Confused Wording on Territorial Changes With British Statement, Secretary Says.

By JOHN A. PARRIS JR.

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP).—One of Winston Churchill's private secretaries told the Associated Press today that the Prime Minister had a lapse of memory in speaking on Poland yesterday and confused the wording of the Atlantic Charter with a British Government statement on foreign policy drafted in 1940.

Churchill's sensational statement that there was an insertion in the Atlantic Charter that territorial "changes mutually agreed" upon could be made before the peace table, brought this explanation at No. 10 Downing Street:

"Mr. Churchill was speaking from memory and just made a slip.

"What he attributed to the Atlantic Charter was actually in the British Government's statement of foreign policy laid down in 1940. Later during yesterday's debate Foreign Secretary Eden pointed out that Mr. Churchill had erred."

Quick Reply to Reporter.

A Foreign Office spokesman declined comment when asked for an explanation this morning, referred the reporter to No. 10 Downing Street. There a secretary said:

"Give me a quarter of an hour. I'll see what I can do."

Ten minutes later he called back with the lapse of memory explanation.

The text of that section of Churchill's statement before the House of Commons yesterday was:

"Our British principle has been enunciated that, as I have said, all territorial changes must await conference at the peace table after victory has been won, but to that there is an exception in principle, and that exception is changes mutually agreed. It must not be forgotten that in the Atlantic Charter is inserted an exception that there should be no changes before the peace table except those mutually agreed."

M. P. Disputed Statement.

In the debate which followed, Kenneth Pickthorn, a National Conservative member, jumped on this point, asserting that the Atlantic Charter contained no such insertion, but that it said the United Nations desired to see no territorial changes which did not accord with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned.

Eden, in the debate, said:

"What Mr. Churchill intended to convey was that, in the view of His Majesty's Government, there was an exception to the general principle that there should be no territorial changes before the peace table. Mr. Pickthorn was perfectly correct in pointing out the exception is not in the Atlantic Charter. The exception was in cases where the changes were mutually agreed, but that was not part of the Atlantic Charter, but part of a statement of our own policy which we made in September, 1940, when the Prime Minister said we had not at any time adopted since the war broke out the line that nothing could be changed in territorial structures of various countries."

In diplomatic quarters, nonetheless, the feeling was growing that perhaps some changes had been made in the Atlantic Charter, but had not yet been disclosed.

It was recalled that the British press and some members of Commons early this year suggested the Atlantic Charter should be revised in view of war developments. Last April Cordell Hull, then United States Secretary of State, and present Secretary Stettinius said there was increasing concern on both sides of the Atlantic for a new interpretation of the Atlantic Charter.

Press Comment on Speech.

The Daily Mail asserted today that Churchill's speech on the Polish question had made "very clear" that "the United Nations have drifted a long way from the fine accord they reached at Tehran."

The newspaper said Churchill's plea for a new meeting between himself, President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin was an obvious proposal to obtain a full unity of purpose once more among the "Big Three."

"We still are waiting to know where the United States stands in relation to Poland," the Daily Mail said.

This appraisal of the situation came after Eden's admission in the House of Commons yesterday that by mixing in the Soviet-Polish disagreement "we have, if you like, burned our fingers."

The British Government knew the risk before it attempted to bring about a settlement, Eden said, but thought the hoped-for gain worthwhile—if (former) Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk's Government could agree with Moscow on frontiers, then "we knew the Soviet Government would make a civil affairs agreement with the Polish Government on exactly the same lines as we have made with the Belgians and France."

The London Times observed that the changes in the map of central Europe demanded by Russia and seconded by Churchill in his speech "might result in creating sounder political foundations, a stronger and more closely knit Polish nation."

The Moscow radio broadcast a long extract of Churchill's speech, but added no comment.

Aids Germany, Berlin Says.

A German Foreign Office spokesman, in a broadcast, termed Churchill's speech "a priceless contribution to Germany's war effort."

"The German people are grateful to Churchill for the brutal frankness with which he announced his plans of dividing and destroying Germany," he said. "We shall see to it that these plans are taught in every school, that every German soldier will carry them and they can be read on the walls of every factory."

An earlier German broadcast denounced what it called Churchill's "shameful selling out" of Poland. It jeered that Churchill's proposal to compensate Poland with parts of East Prussia and Danzig was "astounding" in its moderation.

"The plan to give certain German territories in the east to a Soviet Poland has long been known to German political quarters," Berlin said. "The only astounding point is that Churchill merely referred to East Prussia including Danzig, while the Lublin (Polish National Liberation) Committee has extended its aims much farther to the west.

"Churchill's ability to juggle figures which are stained with the blood of millions is too well known to cause surprise in Germany over his suggested solution by dragging away millions of East German people from hearth and home.

"But all this includes a lot of wishful thinking which has yet to materialize and we may answer Churchill with that well-known British saying: 'It's a long way to Tipperary'."

Reaction by London Poles.

Polish quarters in London interpreted Churchill's speech as a strong British attempt to bring Mikolajczyk back into the divided Polish Government-in-Exile in the hope he could reach an agreement with Russia and the Lublin Poles. If this fails, and they expected it would, these quarters were of the opinion that the British would recognize the rival Soviet-sponsored Lublin Committee as the provisional government of Poland.

They agreed that Churchill had left no doubt he had become completely fed up with the London group's failure to reach a decision with the Lublin Committee.

The Poles admitted Poland "would be happy to get" East Prussia and Upper Silesia, but declared "we don't like to make an exchange of Lwow for German territory."

U. S. Flyers Involved in Ring Smuggling Goods by Air to China

Lend-Lease Supplies Among Contraband Diverted to Black Market — Big Syndicate Believed Crushed.

By FRANK L. MARTIN

NEW DELHI, Nov. 21 (Delayed) (AP).—An investigation by United States Army authorities has resulted in court-martial and arrest of scores of American service men and civilians in the last year on charges of smuggling contraband into China over the famous "hump" airline, it was learned today.

With the co-operation of British, Chinese and Indian officials, Army investigators now have largely smashed an international syndicate which for three years dealt in stolen lend-lease supplies, Government property, gold currency and other goods flown into inflation-ridden China, it was said.

The Army withheld all names.

The Americans were said to be mostly "small fry" in the operations—go-betweens who transported the goods under plans engineered by the syndicate, said to be made up of wealthy Chinese and Indian citizens and Greeks with British citizenship.

Supplies on Black Market.

The inquiry was begun, a headquarters officer said, when it was discovered that "much of our supplies that took valuable space on planes were getting to the black market. In some cases bandits operating in the China hills had been known to rob American Army supply trucks with American pistols."

The Army's criminal investigation division still is working on a number of cases, but the large-scale operations are believed wiped out.

The investigation is in charge of Col. Harry Cooper of Baltimore, provost marshal in the China-Burma-India theater.

Most of the Americans involved started in a small way, carrying into China only such things as cigarettes. Later the syndicate involved some United States Air Force men and pilots with "get rich quick" schemes.

Profits Exceed $4,000,000.

The profits of American participants in the smuggling activities were estimated to total $4,156,000 in what have been classified as 87 major and 213 minor cases in which Army punitive action has been completed or is under way. It was explained that cases were classified as major if they involved profits of more than $5000.

The 300 cases involved some members of the famed "Flying Tigers," employes of the China National Airways Corporation, United States Army personnel, American Red Cross workers, technical representatives of American manufacturers, and British, Indian and Chinese and other civilians.

Some officers of one American troop carrier squadron, including the commanding officer, were listed a shaving amassed an estimated $50,000 before the authorities stepped in.

One plane which crashed in the Burma jungle en route to China was found overloaded with loot. Often gems were concealed in plane instruments and in the underwear of crewmen. In one instance, the authorities found 500 cartons of British issue cigarettes under the floorboards of a plane.

One American soldier and four Chinese were caught in Kunming with $7000 worth of sulfanilimide pills in suitcases. Some American soldiers were selling pistols to black market dealers for $300 to $1000 each, an officer said.

SENATORS OPPOSE CHURCHILL'S STAND

Reaction in Senate Calls for Consulation With U. S. on Postwar Problems.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).—Prime Minister Churchill's announcement that England sided with Russia on the question of Poland produced a none-too-favorable reaction today in the United States Senate.

Senator Vandenberg (Rep.), Michigan, called for "plain speaking" by the United States in relations with Russia and Britain.

"The United States should not be the only silent partner in this command," he said. "I think it would be a shocking thing if so fundamental a question (as the Polish postwar problem) were to be determined to suit the self-interests of Moscow and London without either consultation or consent of Washington."

Commenting on Churchill's apparent abandonment of the London Polish government, Vandenberg said if the United States had been consulted "the matter is a state secret" and if it has not, it is a "state scandal."

It should be no threat to military unity, he asserted, "for us to be as plain spoken as our military allies."

Chairman Connally (Dem.), Texas, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said the Prime Minister's pronouncement means a Big Three meeting is necessary because the United States "must be consulted" on European boundaries.

To Senator Taft (Rep.), Ohio, the Prime Minister's declaration "looks like the end of the Atlantic Charter and a return to power politics." Chairman Reynolds (Dem.), North Carolina, of the Military Committee, said it was disheartening to find Churchill "acquiescing in the dismemberment of territories and the enslavement of a people for whom he advised going to war."

Senator Austin (Rep.), Vermont, member of the Foreign Relations Committee, suggested boundary settlements should wait on the creation of a world peace organization.

Another committee member, Senator Pepper (Dem.), Florida, put it in slightly different form—that issues which often breed war should be settled not by two nations but by the United Nations, "with a decent respect for the opinion of mankind in general."

WABASH AUTHORIZED TO BUY HANNIBAL-MOBERLY TRACK

Authorization for the United States Trust Co. of New York to receive $2,400,000 from the Wabash Railroad Co. for a 69.75-mile track between Hannibal and Moberly, Mo., was granted yesterday by United States District Judge Ruby M. Hulen.

The Wabash obtained a lease on the track in 1923 at $10,000 a month from the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad Co., successor to the M-K-T Railway Co. The trust company was trustee under a first mortgage of the old railway company, made on June 1, 1890. It was directed by Judge Hulen to hold the purchase money and buy outstanding mortgage bonds at the current market price. The trust company also is to release liens against the property, and the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad Co. is to convey title to the Wabash.

After the Interstate Commerce Commission approved the sale, the trust company maintained that the present railroad company did not assume the mortgage when it acquired the trackage from its predecessor.

PHILIP GUEDALLA DIES, CHURCHILL BIOGRAPHER

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP).—Philip Guedalla, British historian and biographer, died today in a hospital here. He was 55 years old.

One of his latest biographies was "Mr. Churchill: A Portrait," published in 1941.

British King on Air Christmas.

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP).—King George VI will make his seventh annual Christmas broadcast to the empire at 3 p. m. (9 a. m. St. Louis time), Dec. 25.

CIVIL SERVICE PREFERENCE PLAN SUBMITTED TO VETERANS

Tentative plans of the Civil Service Commission to give preference ratings of war veterans for a five-year period after the close of the war were submitted to representatives of several veterans' organizations at a meeting of the commission yesterday.

The plans will be submitted to a committee for further study and for recommendations, it was announced. The committee will be composed of two members of the American Legion, two members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and one member of the Disabled War Veterans.

As now drawn up, the plans would permit 5 per cent additional credit to veterans who obtained passing marks in competitive examinations and 10 per cent additional credit to partially disabled veterans. Former municipal workers will be entitled to reinstatement or re-employment in their former positions, if they apply within 60 days after discharge from the military services, and to all privileges and salary increments which would have been theirs had they remained in the municipal employ during the time they were in service, the plans provide.

E.A.M. LAYS DOWN TERMS ON WHICH IT WILL END FIGHT

Call for New Government, Trial for Collaborationists—British Rejection Reported.

ATHENS, Dec. 16 (AP).—The left wing E. A. M. (National Liberation Front) informed Lt. Gen. R. M. Scobie, British commander in Greece, today that it would cease fighting if a new government were formed to deal with the question of disarmament of guerrillas and if suspected collaborationists were brought to trial.

(Correspondent John Nixon of the British Broadcasting Corporation said in a broadcast from Athens that Scobie rejected E. A. M. conditions for a truce, on the ground that one of the British terms—that all E. L. A. S. forces in Athens and Piraeus cease resistance and hand in their arms—had been ignored.)

Fighting Slackens.

Fighting slackened in Athens and the British were reported to be continuing negotiations with the E. A. M.

The reply of E. A. M. and its armed forces, the E. L. A. S, to Gen. Scobie's terms were handed to the British commander at noon, and, according to E. A. M. sources, provides:

1. Agreement by E. L. A. S. forces to withdraw from Athens and Attica.

2. Formation of a new government to settle the question of disarmament.

3. Removal from Athens of the Greek mountain brigade and the sacred battalion, Greek Government units which E. A. M. accuses of having Fascist leadership.

4. Trial of persons suspected of collaborating with occupation forces.

There was no immediate comment from British headquarters. An emissary who handed the reply to Gen. Scobie expressed hope the terms would mark the beginning of successful negotiations for concluding the civil war in Greece.

Meanwhile, Gen. Scobie ordered Greek Government forces to remain on the defensive and to make no move which might provoke fresh outbreaks.

Demolitions by E. L. A. S. forces continued. The explosives destroyed Greek intelligence headquarters and a police station, both previously abandoned

The British-held center of the capital was ringed by barbed wire entanglements. Light artillery was placed at strategic points along the main artery, University Street. British artillery traded fire with E. L. A. S. forces who shelled the city's center during the day. The British reported progress in Piraeus, where the neck of the Kallipolis peninsula was secured by the capture of Castle Hill.

British parachute troops blocked the subway between the suburbs and Omonia Square by which E. L. A. S. militia, armed forces of the E. A. M., had been infiltrating at night.

Gen. Scobie, Harold MacMillan, British Minister of State in the Middle East, and Greek Premier George Papandreou were understood to be pinning their hopes on the formation of a regency, to rule for King George II until a plebiscite determines whether Greece will be a monarchy or a republic.

There was a tendency among rightists of Papandreou's supporters to hope that endeavors to patch up a peace will fail. Police officers expressed alarm at the idea that the British might agree to a political amnesty for E. A. M. leaders.

THE REV. SAMUEL KRUSE FUNERAL AT 2 P. M. MONDAY

Funeral services for the Rev. Samuel Kruse, retired Evangelical minister, will be Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at St. Lucas' Evangelical Church, Sappington, of which he was pastor for 43 years until retirement in 1925. Burial will take place in the church cemetery.

The Rev. Mr. Kruse, who was 86 years old, died of infirmities yesterday at his home, 437 West Rose Hill avenue, Kirkwood. He was a former chairman of the board of directors of Eden Seminary and president of the Missouri District of the Evangelical Synod.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Amalie Mueller Kruse, he is survived by three sons and three daughters. The sons are Samuel Kruse of Cape Girardeau Teachers' College; Theophile Kruse of the University of Pittsburgh, and Cornelius Kruse of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. His daughters are Mrs. Flora Heimburger, Mrs. Selma Dressel and Mrs. Olga K. Wobus.

POPE TO CELEBRATE MIDNIGHT MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 16 (AP).—Pope Pius XII will celebrate midnight mass Christmas eve in St. Peter's for the first time since he became Pope in 1939, the Vatican announced today.

St. Peter's will be open to the public and Rome streets, ordinarily dark because of the shortage of electricity, will be lighted.

CANADA NAMES ENVOY TO U. S.

OTTAWA, Dec. 16 (AP).—Appointment of Lester B. Pearson as Canadian Ambassador to the United States was announced today by Prime Minister Mackenzie King.

The new Ambassador at present holds the post of Minister at the Canadian Embassy in Washington. He succeeds Leighton McCarthy, who has resigned.

KIRKWOOD CLUB SINGS HANDEL'S 'MESSIAH'

Full Version of Oratorio Admirably Presented by Two-Year-Old Group.

The two-year-old Kirkwood Choral Club, directed by John A. Holscher, took on the ambitious task last night of presenting the full version of Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah," at Kirkwood High School, and won for itself a measure of admiration and gratitude.

It is no easy chore to blend a group of some 50-odd voices and then take them through the wonderful regions of Handel's music. And this was done by Holscher with pleasing results.

The singing was clean, integrated and zestful, enhanced by that ineffable spirit which prevails when people sing primarily for the joy they get from it. The tone was moderated to suit the situation; the parts were balanced, and if the net effect lacked the suaveness of the professional touch, it had a robustness not at all unrefreshing.

One episode that might be singled out was the molding of the chorus, "For Unto Us a Child Is Born," where the quiet entrances were not too quiet and the climax was kept within sensible proportion.

Some question can be raised about the pace set by Holscher, which was leisurely but inclined to drag on occasion. It could not be justified by citing the inexperience of the choral group, for it articulated satisfactorily in all degrees of tempo.

Two of the soloists—Miss Dorian Scott, soprano, and Miss Lois Marvin, contralto—were members of the chorus. Both were nervous, but Miss Scott sang the aria "Come Unto Him" with poise and fine voice quality. The male soloists, Robert Kessler, tenor, and Leslie Arnold, bass, were professionals. Kessler sang with grace and elan and excellent phrasing which evidenced an intelligent sympathy for the music. Arnold's principal assets lie in power and resonance which were not quite able to cover up uncertain intonation and some wanting of oratorio style.

The singers were assisted by 16 instrumentalists, most of them drawn from the ranks of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. With the auspicious beginning, it might be well to repeat the performance annually, as done in most other large cities.—A. W. H.

DUTCH UNDERGROUND BEHIND LINES IS ORDERED DISSOLVED

IN HOLLAND, Dec. 16 (AP).—The first step toward regularizing Dutch Forces of the Interior was taken today by Netherlands military authorities who ordered that none except police might make arrests behind the combat zones.

The order left the underground full scope only in combat areas, and the Dutch expressed belief this initial action in disarming the underground would avert trouble such as developed in other freed countries.

Underground members will be used as auxiliary police replacements and as shock troops in the front line. Those not thus absorbed will be urged to surrender their arms and return to peacetime jobs.

AMERICAN PAIR HUNT TIGERS ON BURMA DATE, GET ONE

MYITKYINA, Burma, Dec. 15 (Delayed) (AP).—Dancing is too tame for American boys and girls in Myitkyina, so when they have dates here they sometimes go tiger hunting.

Cpl. Charles A. McCrary, a military policeman of Centralia, Ill., called on Carol Hagerman, a Red Cross worker of Kansas City, Mo., last night, and they drove a few miles from Myitkyina and shot a 300-pound tiger that was seven and a half feet long.

Miss Hagerman drove the jeep within 100 yards of the tiger. McCrary killed it with one shot.

Kampus King at Washington U.

James Gordon Jackson of Kirkwood was crowned Kampus King at Washington University's annual Gold Digger's ball last night. Jackson, a senior in the School of Business and Public Administration, is the son of Mrs. A. F. Jackson, 7 Pitman place, Kirkwood. He was chosen from five nominees.

Randolph Field Defeats Second Air Force in "Treasury Bond Game"

Only 8300 Fans Watch Match at New York

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Randolph	6	0	7	0	13
Second Air	0	0	0	6	6

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP).—The Randolph Field Ramblers nailed down the 1944 service football championship today by conquering the Second Air Force Superbombers 13 to 6, in a War Bond Bowl game played before only 8356 spectators at the Polo Grounds.

It was the twelfth straight victory for the Ramblers but their smallest margin of victory this season.

The field was thawing with a few slippery spots.

From a crowd standpoint it looked like a flop, with fewer than 5000 fans in the stands as the game started.

The war bond quota of $79,750,000 was underwritten several days ago by corporate interests and payroll savings groups and the admission cost reduced to $2.40, with the receipts, after deduction of taxes, going to the Army Air Forces Relief Society.

Lt. F. O. (Dippy) Evans, former Notre Dame star, was missing from the Randolph Field lineup because of an injury to his left leg. However, he entered the game later.

The game:

FIRST PERIOD.

It started to snow soon after the kickoff and both teams played it safe until late in the period. With less than two minutes to go in the quarter, the Ramblers got the ball at midfield when Jack Russell blocked Glenn Dobbs' kick and the ball went out of bounds. Bill Dudley picked up three yards, then Pete Layden faded far back and heaved a long pass to Harry Burrus, who caught it on the seven-yard line and went on over for a touchdown. The pass traveled 55 yards in the air. Bill Causey's placement was short and Randolph Field led 6-0, as the quarter ended.

SECOND PERIOD.

The Second Air Force threatened twice in the second quarter but failed to put over a touchdown. Early in the period three long runs by Ray Evans, Don Fauble and Steve Sucic were good for 60 yards. The Superbombers reached the 17, took an offside penalty and then Layden intercepted an Evans pass on the Rambler ten. Just as the half ended, after the Superbombers had moved from their own 39 to the Randolph 13, Evans went back for a final pass, couldn't get it off and ran to the two-yard line as the gun went off. Score: Randolph Field 6, Second Air Force 0.

THIRD PERIOD.

Dobbs ran back the second-half kickoff 40 yards from the Superbombers' two and on the next play Dobbs handed the ball to Strsykalski, who went 27 yards to Randolph's 31. The Bombers were stopped there and Randolph marched 83 yards for its second touchdown. Madarik's line plunging and a 22-yard run by Goodyear featured the drive. After reaching the Bombers' three-yard line, Dudley tossed a pass to Goodyear for the touchdown. Dudley converted and the Ramblers led 13-0. Neither team could gain in the remaining three minutes of the quarter. Score: Randolph Field 13, Second Air Force 0.

THE LINEUPS.

RANDOLPH FIELD		2ND AIR FORCE
Sgt. Jack Russell	L. E.	2d Lt. Nick Susseff
2d Lt. Martin Ruby	L. T.	Pfc. R. Hondron
1st Lt. K. W. Landis	L. G.	Pfc. Vince Grgich
Pvt. Tom Robertson	C.	Sgt. Bill Remington
2d Lt. J. Freeman	R. G.	1st Lt. Ed. Uhlnski
S-Sgt. W. Merrill	R. T.	Sgt. Ray Avery
Pfc. Robert Davis	R. E.	2d Lt. J. H'rringt'n
Pvt. Ken Holley	Q. B.	Pvt. Golis Rentro
2d Lt. Bill Dudley	L. H.	2d Lt. Glenn Dobbs
2d Lt. J. Goodyear	R. H.	Pvt. J. Strzykalski
Cpl. E. Madarik	F. B.	Pfc. Bill Prentice

Notre Dame Award To Beaumont Tonight

Beaumont, the 1943 and 1944 St. Louis district high school football champion, will receive the Notre Dame team award when the Blue Jackets are the guests of honor at a banquet tonight at the Forest Park Hotel, starting at 7 o'clock.

Bob Kelly, Irish backfield star, will be the guest speaker on a program sponsored by the Notre Dame Alumni Association of St. Louis.

Beaumont, the Public High champion for two years, was unanimously picked as the outstanding team in this area for the 1944 season.

Jay Bees Defeat Leonard Wood, 42-31

Led by Al White's 23 points, Jefferson Barracks defeated Fort Leonard Wood, 42 to 31, last night in a first-round game of the Missouri District, Seventh Service Command, basketball series. The visitors trailed at halftime, 22 to 20.

Jim Donovan contributed 11 points to the Jay Bees' total, while Louis Dillman, with nine points, and Jim O'Brien, with eight, topped the Fort Wood marksmen.

Buckeye Coach Honored.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP). — Carroll Widdoes, who guided Ohio State to an undefeated and untied football season in his first year as head coach, last night received the New York World-Telegram's "Coach of the Year" award and a tribute from Columbia's Lou Little as one who had done an outstanding job.

WRAY'S COLUMN

Boxing Ratings Seem a Bit Screwy

TRYING to rank duration boxers is causing great grief to authorities like the N. B. A. and the Ring Magazine. . . . For example, in Ring's advance ratings for January, 1945, Johnny Greco is rated third among the welterweights, behind Champion Red Cochrane, who now is in the service.

But, to wreck this rating along came Bobby Ruffin, ranked sixth among the lightweights, and gained a draw with Greco. . . . At least the officials so decided after their fight at Madison Square Garden, last night.

Henry Armstrong is rated next to the champion, by The Ring; but unless Sugar Robinson has faded away to a whisper he ought to be No. 1 challenger.

But you can't expect even the experts to do more than a half-hearted ranking job with the champions and best men of four classes in the service, with the title vacant in the lightweight division and two standout candidates in uniform, while in three other classes the champions and leading boxers have caused only ho, hum interest.

After the war there may be a big upsurge and plenty of new talent. . . . But at this writing the available ring material seems just mine run and not worth classification, for the most part.

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Three-Ton Tony Touring the Bushes.

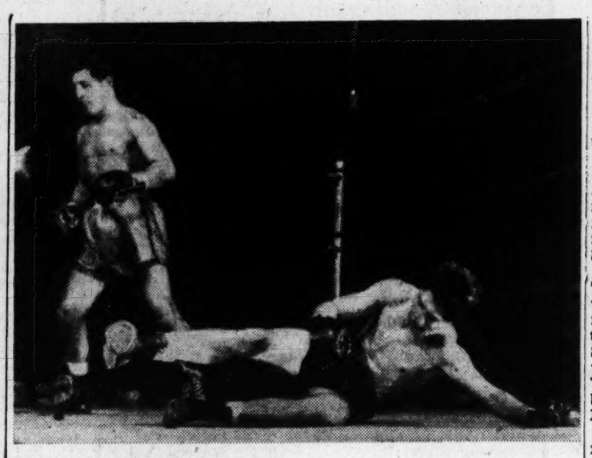
IT'S in the winter that the sap begins to rise. . . . That's the boxing sap. . . . He rises to any kind of bait. . . . Just now the rural pugilistic promoters are handing the bush league public a choice tidbit. . . . It's Three-ton Tony Galento. . . . They're selling him as a fighter in Moberly, Wichita and points North, East, South and West. . . . And how the ringsiders strike the bait!

You wonder why they pay to see Tony the fighter. . . . Galento has been in cold storage as a boxer for a long time. . . . But of course if an opponent stays put and is a receptive target, you can cause a knockout result any time. . . . And so, Tony carries on.

That isn't exactly helpful to boxing. . . . Given time and a few more Tonys, and promoters can level even a boxing game to the class of what is commonly called wrestling. . . . "Level" is right. . . . Because when things are dead, theyr'e usually horizontal.

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But, speaking of level, boxing usually is that. . . . It has had it's bad moments. . . . But in the main, fighters have been "on the level." . . . They have relied on fighting rather than pre-arrangement. . . . If and when they decide to put the scenario into boxing, they'll sell that game down the river, too, just as the big promoters of mat exhibitions have done to a great competition—wrestling.



—Associated Press Wirephoto.

BOBBY RUFFIN, Astoria, N. Y., hits the canvas in the second round of his fight with JOHNNY GRECO, Canadian welterweight, at New York, last night. Ruffin, however, got up and finished the 10 rounds, the decision being a draw.

Allen and Berger Star for Bears

Washington University turned on the heat in the second half to smother Busch-Sulzer, 62 to 20, in a basketball game last night in the Bears' Field House. The score at the half was 24 to 11 in favor of Washington.

Jim Allen and Allen Berger paced the Bears with 15 points apiece, while McDonald was high for Busch-Sulzer with 13.

The Bears will play at Scott Field next Monday night.

U. S. C. Starts Work For Rose Bowl Game; Vols Start for Coast

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16 (AP).—For the first time this year the Southern California Trojans had a Saturday practice. Coach Jeff Cravath ordered today's workout because "the boys need extra work to be ready for Tennessee in the Rose Bowl Jan. 1."

Cravath said he believes the Trojans face their toughest game of the season.

The Tennessee squad, 38 strong—13 backs and 25 linemen—is slated to leave Knoxville tonight for the west coast.

Table Tennis Meet To Start Tonight

Play in the Victory Open table tennis championship will start tonight at 7 o'clock in the clubrooms at 425 DeBaliviere. The entry list will remain open until the tournament begins.

Outstanding entries include Don Lasater, No. 2 in the national junior standings, and Melvin Nichols, city champion and men's Western Open champion. In addition, two Topeka (Kan.) stars also will compete. They are Cecil Woodworth, the State champion, and Joe Summers.

Competition also will be held in the men's singles, women's singles, novice singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles.

Mexico U. Tentatively Accepts Bowl Date

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 16 (AP).—Representatives of the University of Mexico tentatively accepted yesterday an invitation to play Southwestern University of Georgetown, Tex., in the Sun Bowl on New Year's day.

They agreed on financial and other terms in a meeting across the border at Juarez, Mexico, with Dr. R. B. Homan, chairman of the committee to select opponents for the grid classic.

Dr. Homan said word confirming the arrangements was expected shortly.

Southwestern had accepted a Sun Bowl invitation several days ago, Homan said.

Concordia to Oppose Wesleyan Five Tonight

Concordia Seminary will wind up its local pre-Christmas basketball campaign against Illinois Wesleyan tonight at the St. Louis University gymnasium. The game will be preceded by a doubleheader between Walther League junior teams, starting at 6:30 o'clock.

Concordia reached the .500 mark in six games by defeating Parks Air College, 70 to 25, last week. After tonight the Preachers will participate in the Midwestern tournament at Indiana State Teachers next Friday and Saturday.

Harris Teachers Win, 49-40.

Harris Teachers defeated Curtiss-Wright, 49-40, in a basketball game last night at Bellevue gym. The score at the half was 25-14 in favor of Harris.

Central and Beaumont Win League Openers

By Harold Tuthill

Central, apparently a beaten team at half time, came back with a rush to shade Southwest, 32 to 31, in the opening game of the Public High School League basketball season last night at the St. Louis University gymnasium. Beaumont, rated a contender for Cleveland's championship, polished off McKinley, 35 to 17, in the second contest.

The first round of play will be completed next Wednesday night when Cleveland opposes Blewett after Soldan and Roosevelt meet in the first game.

Here was the picture in the Southwest-Central struggle: Southwest swelled its 5-to-3 lead after the first quarter to 20 to 10 at halftime and apparently had the situation under control. Central was unable to score from the field until a minute before the end of the second period, when Charles Barthel sank a shot.

Things were different, though, as the third period started, because four quick goals put Central up to within two points of a tie, 20 to 18. Southwest surged ahead again as August (Junior) Duchek dumped in two field goals and two free throws to help the Longhorns lead, 27 to 23, after three quarters. As the final session opened, Central's Joe Sanders pared the margin and Barthel tied it at 29-all with five minutes to go. The teams traded free throws and then Marvin Talghader counted from scrimmage to put Central's total at 32. Southwest narrowed the gap by a point on Lewis Farrand's free throw, but the Redwings hung on for victory.

Easy for Blue Jackets.

Some of Southwest's troubles arose from the fact that Duchek, the game's high scorer with 19 points, went out on five personal fouls in the last quarter.

Beaumont won handily against a McKinley team that played its first game of the season. The Blue Jackets outclassed their South Side opponents, although McKinley tried to make up in speed what it lacked in scoring ability. Jack Prince led the Beaumont marksmen with nine points.

While the league games were going on, other city teams engaged in outside competition, Blewett winning at C. B. C., 38 to 27, and Soldan losing at St. Louis U. High, 58 to 33. Blewett's Jim Proctor scored 17 points and Dick Greene did likewise for St. Louis U. High.

Two games are scheduled for tonight with Cleveland playing at Kirkwood and Roosevelt meeting McBride at North Side High.

Scores were close in first-round suburban games as Normandy defeated Ritenour, 39 to 26, Maplewood subdued Kirkwood, 34 to 29, and University City humbled Clayton, 38 to 24.

Ferguson Takes Lead.

Ferguson surged into undisputed possession of the North County lead when Jerry McCollum's goal in the last two seconds gave the pace-setters a 34-to-33 triumph over Fairview. Berkeley bounced back from two league defeats to nose out Jennings, 27 to 24, while Riverview Gardens gathered a 39-to-29 triumph at Venice in a non-league contest.

In the South County League, Mehlville knocked Hancock out of a three-way tie for the lead with a 26-to-20 triumph, while Brentwood kept pace with Mehlville with a 48-to-18 verdict over Affton. Eureka dropped its third game as Bayless won, 36 to 30.

Across the river, previously undefeated Collinsville was halted after six straight victories by Alton, 39 to 36, in the opening round of play in the Southwestern Conference. In other games, East St. Louis nosed out Edwardsville, 30 to 26, Wood River defeated Belleville, 37 to 25, on Jim Caffery's late goal, and Granite City shaded Madison, 22 to 19. In an intercity game, Central Catholic lost to Notre Dame of Quincy, 31 to 30.

THE BOX SCORES

FIRST GAME.

SOUTHWEST (31).	FG.	FT.	P.	CENTRAL (32).	FG.	FT.	P.
Farrand f	1	1	3	Clodfelter f	1	3	5
Nicol f	0	0	0	McClung f	1	0	2
Tarantola f	0	3	3	Talghader f	1	2	4
Clore f	0	2	2	Barthel c	4	4	12
Duchek c	7	5	19	Hoffman c	0	0	0
Rohde c	0	0	0	Sanders g	3	0	6
Nacay g	0	0	0	Durbin g	0	0	0
Houk g	0	0	0	Mirth g	0	3	3
Wiber g	1	0	2				
Varble g	1	0	2	Totals	10	12	32
Mouldon g	0	0	0				
Totals	10	11	31				

Officials: Hudson Hellmich and Bob Cochran.

Personal fouls: Southwest—Farrand, Tarantola 3, Clore, Duchek 5, Nacay 3, Wiber 5, Varble. Central—Clodfelter 4, McClung, Talghader, Barthel 3, Hoffman, Mirth 4.

Score by periods:

Southwest	—	—	5	15	7	4—31
Central	—	—	3	7	13	9—32

SECOND GAME.

McKINLEY (17).	FG.	FT.	P.	BEAUMONT (35).	FG.	FT.	P.
Pachiva f	2	1	5	Nichols f	1	0	2
Marlow f	0	0	0	Lansche f	3	0	6
Gubany f	2	1	5	Prince f	4	1	9
Kelly f	0	0	0	Ebert f	0	0	0
Wolf c	2	0	4	Sievers c	3	0	6
Ghnouly g	0	0	0	Jeans c	0	0	0
Porter g	0	0	0	Louis g	2	2	6
Herman g	0	0	0	Bareo g	0	0	0
Chapman g	1	1	3	Lehman g	0	1	1
Gooding g	0	0	0	Rosenkoetter g	2	1	5
				Wadsack g	0	0	0
Totals	7	3	17	Domash g	0	0	0
				Totals	15	5	35

Officials: Cochran and Hellmich.

Personal fouls: McKinley — Pachiva 4, Gubany 4, Wolf, Porter, Chapman. Beaumont—Nichols 3, Prince 3, Ebert, Sievers 2, Louis 3, Bareo, Rosenkoetter.

Score by periods:

	1	2	3	4	
McKinley	—	—	2	5	8	2—17
Beaumont	—	—	6	9	8	13—35

Paschal May Be Out Of Giants' Lineup In Pro Title Game

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP).—The odds favoring the Green Bay Packers to win the National Football League championship by beating the Giants in their title playoff tilt at the Polo Grounds tomorrow mounted today as it appeared doubtful that Bill Paschal, star Giant back, would play because of ankle injury.

The loss of Paschal, hard-running back who sparked the Giants to the Eastern Division title, would be a terrific blow, but Coach Steve Owens still is hopeful.

"He still has 24 hours," Stout Steve declared. "He is determined to play. We can tape his ankle up good for him. I have a feeling he'll play, but I don't know how long or how well."

Meantime the Packers, 2½ to 1 favorites despite the 24-0 trouncing the Giants handed them last month, arrived from a week's workouts in Virginia and took a limbering up drill in the Polo Grounds.

More than 50,000 are expected to see the game.

Former Mat King Dead.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP). — Ernest Roeber, 82, Greco-Roman wrestling champion of the 90's died Thursday night at his home in Queens.

Roeber was best known for his match on April 30, 1898 with Ishmael Yousouf, the terrible Turk, at the Metropolitan Opera House when a no contest decision caused a riot.

Roeber, a native of Hannover, Germany, retired undefeated in 1902.

19 Americans In Finals of Rome Tourney

ROME, Dec. 16 (AP). — Lineups for today's finals in the second annual Mediterranean boxing championships were completed yesterday with 19 United States swatters in the running for the 16 titles—eight each in the amateur and professional divisions.

The powerful North African squad, made up of French and American sluggers, placed seven men in the finals. Most of them in the pro classes. Other survivors included five British and one South African belter.

In yesterday's scraps, Sapper Tommy McGrath, British Army, was forced to pass up his amateur middleweight crown because of tonsilities but his alternate, French Sailor Adbekkader Addadaine, was good enough to whip Pvt. Victor Amata, favored Fifth Army boxer from Weirton, W. Va., and Brooklyn.

Two United States boxers won finals berths in the last of the preliminaries. Pvt. Willie Thomas of Tampa, Fla., outpointed Pvt. Robert Ewing of Pittsburgh, in an amateur lightweight bout which was refereed by Fidel La Barba and Pvt. Manuel Flores, Los Angeles infantryman who has been wounded in action twice, defeated Pvt. Vernon Frease of Sacramento, Cal., in the amateur welterweight division.

Pvt. Cheriff Maamar of the French Army, reached the pro lightweight title round by subduing Pvt. Murray Cain, former New York Golden Glover.

Decision Today on Civilian Allotment Of Shotgun Shells

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).—Hunters may lose their ammunition rations again.

The War Production Board is taking steps to conserve civilian supplies since most of the small arms ammunition is required to meet a shortage in military needs, particularly in the assault against Germany.

Manufacturers meet today with WPB and military officials to try to determine the quantities of shotgun shells and rifle bullets which can be produced next year for hunters, farmers and law-enforcement officers.

Already WPB has ordered civilian ammunition shipments halted at factories. It was stated that hunters probably will lose their rations, equal since last August to those of farmers.

Tess Wolken Scores High of 234, 615

Tess Wolken of American Lady Foods toppled 234 pins for high single and 615 for high three in the Ladies' Major City Scratch League bowling last night at Gravois Recreation. South St. Louis Dairy had team high single of 940 and team high three of 2688.

South St. Louis Dairy bested Mulligan Printers by two and one, as did W. and S. Recreation against Camel Soda, American Lady Foods against Whitaker-Ruehl and Gravois Recreation over Stuckenberg Realtors.

Caliente Track Closed.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 16 (AP).—Horse racing at the Agua Caliente Jockey Club was suspended yesterday by George W. Schilling, director of racing, pending settlement of litigation involving the racetrack and its properties. Control of the $3,000,000 racetrack was seized Wednesday by Mexican Government officials in the name of the Arguello family, and a receiver given material possession for the Arguello heirs.

BASKETBALL SCORES

LOCAL.

Washington U. 62, Busch-Sulzer 11.
Jefferson Barracks 42, Fort Leonard Wood 31.
Coast Guard 70, McDonnell 9.

HIGH SCHOOLS.

Beaumont 35, McKinley 17.
Central 32, Southwest 31.
Maplewood 34, Kirkwood 29.
University City 38, Clayton 24.
Brentwood 48, Affton 18.
Ferguson 34, Fairview 33.
Bayless 36, Eureka 30.
Normandy 39, Ritenour 26.
Mehlville 26, Hancock 20.
Berkeley 27, Jennings 24.
Pacific 34, Sullivan 25.
Alton 39, Collinsville 36.
East St. Louis 30, Edwardsville 26.
Wood River 37, Belleville 35.
Granite City 22, Madison 19.
Quincy 31, Central Catholic 30.
Blewett 38, C. B. C. 27.
St. Louis 58, Soldan 33.

EAST.

Pittsburgh 63, Alleghany 30.
Marshall (Huntington, W. Va.) 52, Bucknell 49.
New York 59, Brooklyn Polytechnical 24.
Brooklyn 64, Fordham 34.
Baldwin Wallace 42, Rochester 38.
Mitchell Field 62, Morehead (Ky.) Teachers 47.
Pinellas County Air Base Mustangs 40, Florida 34.
Akron 82, Muskingum 5.
Loras (Dubuque) 57, St. Mary's (Minnesota) 45.
Hendrix 34, Arkansas State Teachers 27.
Southern Illinois Normal 33, Illinois Wesleyan 32.
DePauw 78, Earlham 22.
Bunker Hill (Ind.) Navy 50, Kellogg Field 29.
Missouri 40, Westminster 26.
Detroit 55, Western Ontario 26.
Southeast Missouri State 49, Blytheville (Ark.) Army Air Base 38.
Olatha Naval Air Base 57, Missouri Valley 39.
Central Michigan 61, Alma 49.
Drury 53, Warrensburg (Mo.) Teachers 36.
Wittenberg 50, Kenyon 30.
Otterbein 48, Heidelberg 38.
Simpson College (Indianola) 85, Carleton 28.
Baker 36, Ottawa 33.
Wentworth Military Academy 46, Marshall (Mo.) Independents 31.
Wichita 39, Bethany (Lindsborg) 19.
Iowa Wesleyan 54, Parsons 42.
Maryville Teachers 36, North Dakota State 35.
Denver 38, Doane (Crete) 35.

SOUTH.

North Carolina 67, Catawba 35.
Murray Teachers 76, Arkansas State 21.
Hampden-Sydney 41, Maguire General Hospital 31.

SOUTHWEST.

Texas Christian 45, Texas Tech 28.
Pepperdine 42, Colorado 36.
Fort Logan Army Post 42, Colorado A. and M. 36.
Walker (Kan.) Army Air Base 51, Colorado 46.
Wichita (Kan.) Cessna Aircraft 43, Norman Navy Sky-Jackets 20.

WEST.

Carroll 59, Montana 27.
Great Falls Army Air Base 61, Gore Field Ferrying Command 42.
Idaho 47, Gonzaga 39.
Utah State 75, Weber Junior College 29.
Whitman 47, Washington State 37.

Hap Emms Returns to Lineup and Flyers End 4-Game Losing Streak

By Harold Flachsbart

Trainer Charlie (Doc) Wilson was working feverishly on the tired muscles of Coach Hap Emms in the Flyers' dressing room last night and the whole squad agreed that it was great to be a winner.

Perhaps it was not because the Flyers broke a four-game losing streak but you could see the happiest man in the room (aside from the smiling Emms, perhaps) was Goalie Jimmy Franks of the St. Louis club. He had just shut out the Providence Reds, 2 to 0.

Yes, it was the first shutout of the season for the capable Franks, who has heard the howl of the wolves from the balcony during many losing efforts, and Jimmy said he was feeling "ungood," as he entered the Arena last night. Maybe he ought to feel that way again.

Emms came out a self-imposed "retirement" from active play since the Pearl Harbor season, donned No. 16 uniform, played defense, and he certainly didn't hurt the team. As one other veteran member of the team remarked, "he held the boys together back there," meaning behind the blue line.

Off on Trip to Canada.

Hap is going to miss a few games. He won't be with the club in Indianapolis tomorrow night, will miss a game at the Arena against Buffalo next Tuesday, and probably won't rejoin the team until a week from tomorrow in Buffalo. Reason—he's going to Canada for three missions, to attend the funeral of a close friend, to bring his family to St. Louis, and to try to bring Bazel (Red) Doran, star Flyer defenseman, back to the club.

But Hap was quite the stuff against the Rhode Island Reds. It may have been that Franks was enjoying an especially good night (he had the help of powers above on some Providence shots), and it may be that Emms on the ice gave the club the shot in the arm he couldn't give from the bench, but the Flyers looked good. They did some occasional clever passing, especially notable on the second goal of the evening when Nakina Smith tallied on a neat assist from the veteran Art Giroux, whose clever puck handling has been prominent in the recent Flyers' play. That came in the third period, when the Flyers were enjoying a 1-0 lead and protecting it in the way of best defensive hockey clubs—something St. Louis fans hadn't seen of the Flyers before this year.

LINEUPS, SUMMARY

FLYERS.		PROVIDENCE.
Franks	G.	Le Clerc
Lynn	L. D.	La Rochelle
Kukkula	R. D.	Kemp
Hergert	C.	Lavoie
W. Smith	L. W.	Gagne
Kendall	R. W.	Tremblay

Referee—George Hayes. Linesman—Kenny Dunfield.

Spares: St. Louis—Baby, Holouka, N. Smith, Blake, Hudson, Horeck, Evanshen, Giroux, Emms. Providence—Pearson, Forget, Courteau, Hudson, Bennett Bellemarre, Cotlow, Lauzon.

Second period scoring: St. Louis—Baby (Evanshen and N. Smith), 9:42. Penalties—Gagne (tripping), Blake (tripping), Kemp (holding).

Third period scoring: St. Louis—N. Smith (Giroux), 14:03. Penalties: (none).

Stops: Franks 10-5-16—31; Le Clerc, 10-8-6—24.

Baby Gets First Goal.

The first St. Louis goal was drilled past Goalie LeClerc by Johnny Baby in the second period—a long shot which Nakina Smith probably would have followed up anyway, because he was right in the spot where a good center should be. Nakina and Nick Evanshen drew assists.

There were only three penalties, all in the second period. But Emms stole the show He wasn't spectacular, but he was steady and sure. And maybe that's what the Flyers needed.

Notes of the Game.

The battle of the local last-place club in the Western Division of the American League and the tail-end Eastern Division club—second highest scoring outfit in the circuit—drew only 3415 fans, including 31,104 cash customers.

Paul Courteau, Providence's league leading point-getter, was stopped cold. . . . The Rhode Island Reds apparently had tallied a goal in the third period, with Roger Gagne the apparent light-lighter, only the light didn't light, because Referee George Hayes and Goal Judge Oscar Blankenmeister said the disc didn't cross the line. But Franks did some fast work with his hands in pulling the puck away, nevertheless.

General Manager George Carson and Captain Franks will direct the Flyers while Emms is in Canada. Jimmy Dunn.

Snead, Walkup Tied for Lead In Coast Golf

RICHMOND, Cal., Dec. 16 (AP).—Tournament co-favorite Sam Snead and Darkhorse Jimmy Walkup Jr., tied at 139, fronted the field today as firing started on the third round of the 72-hole Richmond Open golf tournament.

Snead's place at the head of the links parade was not unexpected. Walkup was the surprise of the tourney.

Unknown to the general golfing public, the 32-year-old entry from San Antonio, Tex., paced the field in the first round with a par-shattering 68 and assured a deadlock at the halfway point when he knocked in a par 71 for the Richmond Country Club course.

Snead, in the throes of a comeback after 26 months Navy service that saw him win the recent Portland Open in his first out, moved into a 36-hole tie with Walkup on the final hole yesterday. He chipped in from 20 feet for an eagle three to post a second round 69. From here on, the Hot Springs, Va., par cracker will be the man to beat.

The course, a top hilly land overlooking the bay, is one of those to Snead's liking. Long hitters like him aren't penalized drastically because of heavy wooded rough.

Ky Laffoon, Chicago veteran, and amateur Ernie Pieper Jr., of San Jose, Cal., trailed the co-leaders by two strokes.

A shot behind them, in the 142 bracket, were Byron Nelson, Toledo, O., high money winner of the year; Newton Bassler, Carmel, Cal., Charles Congdon, Tacoma, Wash., and amateurs Ed Furgol, Detroit, and Ralph Hall, Oakland, Cal., policeman.

Bruce Coltart, Absecon, N. J., teed off from 143 and Mike Turnesa, White Plains, N. Y., from 144.

Banquet Tonight At Ordnance Plant

The annual sports carnival and banquet of the St. Louis Ordnance Plant will be held tonight at North St. Louis Turner Hall, with outstanding soccer stars and members of the champion American League Browns in attendance.

The Brownies to be present are Coach Freddy Hofmann, Milt Byrnes, Mark Christman and Al Hollingsworth, while the soccer players are Johnny Marre, Allie Walsh, Harry Ratican, "Bull" Brannigan, "Duke" Sheahan and Jimmy Dunn.



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Paperboy, Woolf Up, Is Gold Cup Race Favorite

INGLEWOOD, Cal., Dec. 16 (AP).—Georgie (the Iceman) Woolf climbs into a broken and patched snakeskin saddle today, grabs a broken and repaired whip and tries to do for movie producer Harry M. Warner what doctors and a winter spa haven't done—revive his health.

Reviving Warner's health would be the winning of the $75,000 Hollywood Gold Cup. Warner's horse, Paperboy, is the favorite, in a field that includes such as Okana, California's champion three-year-old, the vastly improved Lou-Bre from the C. S. Howard Stable, Sickle's Choice and nine other classy thoroughbreds.

Warner was back from New York to watch the race, the big event of Hollywood Park's season. Woolf, winner of three of the four Gold Cup classics, expressed calm confidence in the ability of the stretch-running Paperboy to tag the speed horses at the wire.

Mrs. J. B. Burnstein, owner of Okana, was equally confident that her pace-making color bearer would be able to last a mile and one-quarter under the top impost of 126 pounds, two more than the six-year-old Paperboy was asked to pack.

Sickle's Choice, with 112, was accorded some kind of chance to be right among the leaders, since he has shown a tendency to do lots of running near the close of previous races. Happy Issue, a mare toting 119 pounds; Put In, Shut Up, Valdina Andire, Stronghold and First to Fight, all lightly weighted; Texas Sandman, hero of the New England tracks, Bull Reigh and Phar Rong also were in the race, but a victory for any of them would come as a distinct surprise.

Cool weather and a fast track was promised and 60,000 persons may crowd into the clubhouse and grandstand for the final day of racing.

The lineup:

HORSE.	JOCKEY.	Wt.
Lou-Bre	J. Adams	113
Texas Sandman	R. Neves	115
*Sickle's Choice	L. Zufelt	112
Shut Up	C. Corbett	107
Put In	Dubois	112
**Stronghold	Mehrtens	105
**Bull Reigh	T. Zufelt	122
**Paperboy	Woolf	124
Valdina Andire	G. Pederson	106
Phar Rong	O. Grohs	114
First To Fight	Ralls	102
Happy Issue	Woodhouse	119
Okana	Bassett	126

*Montgomery-Jelm entry.
**W-L Ranch entry.

LAST NIGHT'S FIGHTS

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK—Johnny Greco, 143¾, Montreal, and Bobby Ruffin, 137, New York, drew, 10 rounds; Bobby Smith, 128, Philadelphia, knocked out Jock Leslie, 126, Flint, Mich., four rounds.

BOSTON—Sal Bartolo, 126, Boston, outpointed Whistling Willie Roache, 125, Wilmington, Del., 15 rounds (title); George La Rover, 138, Philadelphia, technical knockout Joe Billis, 141, Springfield, Mass., two rounds.

NORFOLK, Va.—Danny McMillian, 158, Mobile, Ala., outpointed Frankie Wills, 153½, Washington, 10 rounds; Pete Virgin, 135, Garfield, N. J., outpointed Babe Kelly, 121½, Philadelphia.

LAWRENCE, Mass.—Benny Singleton, 138, Waterbury, Conn., technical knockout Santiago Rivera, 140, Brooklyn, five rounds; Freddie Hayes, 128, Boston, technical knockout Freddie Gillo, 133, Lowell, Mass., three rounds.

WORCESTER, Mass.—Corky Davis, 136, Worcester, and Rocco Progano, 132, Stamford, Conn., drew, 10 rounds; Al Pinnel, 153, New Bedford, technical knockout Tony Petro, 153, Hartford, four rounds.

ST. PAUL.—Lee Savold, 196, St. Paul, outpointed Gus Dorazio, 203, Philadelphia, 10 rounds; Frankie Genovese, 178, Toronto, knocked out Al Barbour, 179, Pittsburgh, two rounds.

GALVESTON—Gunnar Barlund, 205, Finland, outpointed Jimmy Carollo, 198, New York, 10 rounds; Pat Saia, 146, Galveston, outpointed Ben Evans, 143, Oklahoma City, 10 rounds.

CAMDEN, N. J.—Pedro Firpo, 129½, Camden, outpointed Mario Colon, 126, New York, eight rounds.

SAN FRANCISCO—Tim Heffernan, 189, San Francisco, outpointed Harold Blackshear, 202, San Francisco, 10 rounds; Jimmy Collins, 146, San Francisco, knocked out Al Spencer, 145, New Orleans, two rounds.

Bartolo Defeats Roache, Retains Feather Honors

BOSTON, Dec. 16 (AP).—A very peaked-looking Sal Bartolo, his National Boxing Association featherweight title intact after its second defense, today hoped that nature would not beat him out of it before he gets at least one big-money bout.

Bartolo, hollow-cheeked and dull-eyed, appeared to confirm reports that he had to reduce himself from a full-fledged lightweight to make the 126 pounds limit for Whistlin' Willie Roache, rugged Wilmington (Del.) Negro, last night at the Boston Garden.

But despite his wan appearance, Bartolo managed to retain enough of his speed, stamina and boxing skill to win 13 of the 15 rounds while gaining a unanimous decision over Roache. It seemed as if Bartolo, who defeated Roache twice before winning his N. B. A. crown from Phil Terranova here last March, anticipated every move the Negro made and had the proper stopper for it.

The bout drew a crowd of only 6964 and gross gate receipts of $18,986.

Greco and Ruffin Draw.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP). — Those two ex-soldiers, Johnny Greco of Montreal and Bobby Ruffin of New York, had a lot of bruises and a pocket full of dough today and were the center of a red-hot debate as to which is the better scrapper.

They battled to a sizzling 10-round draw in Madison Square Garden last night, although Ruffin had to climb off the canvas twice to draw even with a late spurt. The referee gave it to Ruffin, six rounds to four, but the two judges called it even for the official verdict.

Greco, discharged recently from the Canadian Army, and Ruffin, ex-doughboy, picked up about $25,000 each from the gross gate of $86,489—fourth largest for the Garden this year—paid by 17,957 fans.

Promoter Mike Jacobs is considering matching the boys for a third time early next year over the 12-round route.

Lee Savold Wins From Gus Dorazio; Riley Stops Gannon

ST. PAUL, Dec. 16 (AP).—Lee Savold, St. Paul heavyweight, outpointed Gus Dorazio, Philadelphia, in ten rounds last night by keeping his left hand in the Philadelphian's face throughout the bout. Savold weighed 196, Dorazio 203.

Dorazio was out of the ring three times, once in the eighth from a push, and twice in the ninth. Savold slammed Gus out of the ring with a terrific right once in the ninth round and again when he missed a hard right.

Charley Riley, 130, St. Louis, won from Jimmy Gannon, 130, Scott Field, Ill., on technical knockout in second. It was Riley's thirty-second consecutive victory and his twenty-eighth knockout.

Coast Guard Wins.

The Coast Guard basketball team romped to its sixth consecutive victory with a 70-to-9 triumph over McDonnell Aircraft last night. Bob Meyers' 21 points were high for the Coast Guard.

High Rollers

SINGLE THREE

GRAVOIS LANES.
Public Service, 7 P. M.
J. Repplinger 238 — W. Schewe 597
Public Service 9 p. m.
L. Miller 214 — Sipeman 570

ROGERS RECREATION.
Vandervoort-Jaccard Men.
E. Volz 225 — E. Volz 578
Vandervoort's Women.
Mary Rosener 164 — Kathleen Hurley 422
U. S. Coast Guard.
Zingali 197 — Solteaz 506

Frisco Men.
N. Weaver 216 — V. Copp 584
Women's Traffic Club.
A. Heilman 192
R. Miller 192 — M. Lamb 562
B. Daenger 192
Traffic League.
Lou Henne 246 — Joe Brownstein 610
H. Landolt 246
PERKINS' PLAYDIUM.
Perkins' Scratch League.
Gus Leido 246 — Gus Lueido 622
Majestic League.
Klaus 221 — Whitchurch 580
Granite City Ordnance Depot, Girls.
I. Walker 159 — M. Losh 420
A. F. L. League.
Wolters 214 — Wolters 606
HEIDEL ALLEYS.
Friday Ladies' League.
Martha Jacob 221 — Margo Willson 550
Men's Victory League.
Fred Kun 243 — Lee Weber 637
HARRIS RECREATION.
De Andreis Girls.
A. Nuelle 167 — E. Smith 439
FAIRGROUNDS RECREATION.
North Side American Legion.
L. Schweizer 226 — Elmer Aubuchon 621
Bell Telephone Ladies.
Theresa Eck 193 — Theresa Eck 479
ST. LOUIS HOUSE
Mueller's Friday Night League.
Monenster 246 — Monenster 633
BOWLING ESQUIRE
Alco Men's League.
G. Bower 204 — M. Caesar 569
Automotive Men.
J. Whalen 205 — L. Fehr 593
FERGUSON ALLEYS.
Ladies' Friday Night League.
Lou Kratz 200 — Lou Kratz 515
St. John and St. James.
Ed Rathman 201 — Ed Rathman 548
KALEY'S ALLEYS
Portney Garment Ladies.
Lydia Meinecke 200 — Lydia Meinecke 464
STEIN BROTHERS BOWL
St. Louis Hills Commercial.
Hi Meyer 238 — F. Carr 618
GRAND-PARK ALLEYS.
Greater Shoe Mfg. League.
Charles Geike 224 — Fred Senn 547
Woodward & Tiernan League.
F. Berra 253 — G. Oehrtsbeck 558
Grand-Park Business Men.
M. Mullany 233 — J. Hiser 594
ST. LIBORIUS ALLEYS.
Friday Night League.
Arthur Hackett 234 — Arthur Hackett 573
Lindy Fisher 570
ST. ANTHONY ALLEYS.
Ladies' League.
S. Hinrichs 197 — S. Hinrichs 527
SARATOGA ALLEYS.
Ladies' Friday Matinee.
Lee Vichmann 194 — Lee Vichmann 480
Maplewood Handicap.
George Horneker 254 — Herb Motten 649
BENTON PARK ALLEYS.
United Optical Workers.
Botlock 198 — Botlock 533
WELLSTON ALLEYS.
Longs and Shorts League.
J. Ellis 237 — E. Cramer 524
Greater St. Louis Handicap.
F. Schirr 212 — Joe Ferro 584
CHEROKEE G. and M.
Friday Night Women.
C. Groll 168 — E. Eller 445
Midwest Piping.
Conners 210 — Meehan 525
Midwest Piping Midnight.
J. Guttweiler 208 — B. Caldwell 501
Church-Sulzer Midnight Ladies.
H. Nischwitz 207 — H. Nischwitz 532
BENTON PARK ALLEYS.
Ninth Ward Republican.
O. Knob 235 — H. Starr 594
W. AND S. RECREATION.
Curtiss-Wright National League.
J. Gorza 234 — L. Wright 566
U. CITY LANES.
Gout and Lumbago League.
Harry Newbold 226 — Harry Steele 562

Missouri Five Grabs Opener

FULTON, Mo., Dec. 16 (AP).—Missouri University opened its basketball season last night with a 40-26 victory over Westminster College, pulling away the last half after a first half score.

Westminster fought the Tigers on even terms the first half, taking the lead several times in a see-saw affair. At intermission Missouri had a scant 18-17 margin.

Starting the final half Kurash, Collins and Heinsohn led a rally that gave the Tigers a 10-point lead. Missouri maintained the advantage until late in the game when, with the Tiger second string in, Westminster pulled to within four points of the lead. Coach George Edwards rushed his first stringers back into the fray and the rally ended.

George Wrape, Westminster guard, was high scorer with three field goals and three charity tosses—a total of nine points. Kurash and Paul Collins, guards, and Earl Steigmeier, forward, led the Tiger scoring with eight points each.

The game was Westminster's fourth loss in as many games.

The teams meet again Monday night at Columbia.

Longson Pins Koverly; Smash Up Press Table

Wild Bill Longson, the wrestling champion who goes on like Tennyson's brook — forever — met a hardy foe last night at Kiel Auditorium in the fighter-wrestler, George (Kayo) Koverly, but came through with his usual victory.

They smashed up a bit of furniture before it was over, namely, the press table when Wild Bill knocked Koverly out of the ring, and all-in-all, gave the 7986 customers a robust performance.

As Koverly climbed back into the ring, Longson pinned him with a flying mare and body block. Time, 25:22.

Other results: Dicvk Lever, Nashville, 229, and Emil Dusek, Omaha, 231, drew 30 minutes limit; Joe Dusek, 226, pinned Wally Greb, 20:54; Ray Eckert pinned Babe Scharies, 10:07.

MAN WHO KILLED ARMES SHOT WITH HIS OWN PISTOL

Deputy Says Third Person Fired at Night Club Man, Already Hit Six Times.

Investigation of the night club shooting at Herrin, Ill., where Monroe (Blackie) Armes, East Side gangster, and Thomas Propes, club owner, were killed, centered today on a search for a third person who authorities believe assisted Armes by firing several shots into Propes' body with Propes' own pistol.

A ballistics study by the St. Louis Police Research Bureau showed that the bullets taken from Propes' body were fired from a .38-caliber revolver, which was owned by Armes and found at the scene, and also from a .45-caliber automatic, which was believed to have belonged to Propes but which is missing.

Deputy Sheriff Orval Houston of Williamson County, in whose jurisdiction the pistol fight occurred Wednesday morning after an argument over a dice game, said someone apparently "grabbed Propes' gun from him after he had been shot six times by Armes and fired the gun at Propes as he lay on the floor."

Continued questioning of witnesses, Houston said, has failed to bring any changes in their stories that Armes and Propes, who was discharged from the Navy four months ago, were shooting dice on the bar when Propes became angry because Armes, after winning several hundred dollars, refused to wager more than $5. Propes shot Armes in the abdomen three times. Armes died Thursday at Herrin Hospital. Propes was killed on the spot.

The witnesses, who will be questioned again, Houston said, are Roy (Tony) Armes, brother of the gangster; Mrs. Patricia Butkus, former wife of Blackie Armes; Roy Daugherty, friend of Roy Armes; Mrs. May Propes, wife of the club owner; William (Sweeney) Lang, a patron, and Evelyn Bennett, cook at the club.

Coroner's juries returned verdicts that Armes was killed by Propes and that Propes was killed by Armes "and other persons" unknown to the jury.

ALL CIVILIAN GOODS OUTPUT IS FROZEN AT PRESENT LEVELS

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of acute labor scarcity. This action was taken jointly by WPB, War Manpower Commission and the Army and Navy to channel labor into plants making trucks, tires, big guns and shells and other items for which the military has found need of larger quantities than it had anticipated.

So far, the effect of spot authorizations in boosting civilian supply has been slight, although some 2000 plants, including many in the St. Louis area, have received word to go ahead. Low priority is given such production, and many manufacturers have complained that they could not get started even with WPB approval.

Rule on Cutbacks Changed.

Where there is both military and civilian demand for a product, a military cutback hitherto has usually been followed by a compensating increase in civilian output. That practice is curbed by the new edict for a list of 17 products, even though the total resulting production may be lower than the present rate. Before granting a civilian increase in such a case, the Area Production Urgency Committee in each community must make a man-power check, WPB ruled, to ascertain that denial would not help the war effort by releasing any "appreciable number of workers of the type and skill needed by more urgent programs."

This clause applies to the following items:

Trucks and truck tractors, motorcycles, bicycles and powercycles, cutlery, typewriters, steam and Diesel locomotives, railroad cars, busses and bus bodies, commercial electric food equipment, commercial laundry machinery, 35mm. moving-picture equipment, tracklaying tractors, heavy motor graders, power cranes and shovels, off-the-highway trucks (which are used for lumbering, mining and similar purposes), truck trailers and industrial power trucks.

In calculating whether an approved civilian production program has reached the fourth quarter 1944 level, WPB officials were instructed to include in the production any quantities authorized under the spot plan. Where spot manufacturers are thus included in WPB-sponsored production, they will receive "firm" allotments of materials instead of the present spot allotments which are good only after all other priority-rated needs are filled.

TREASURY BLOCKS FINNISH PAYMENT ON DEBT TO U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP). —Finland's new offer of $235,444 on its World War I debt got the cold shoulder from the United States.

The State Department apparently was willing for the installment to be accepted when it came due yesterday—though the two nations are not on speaking terms and Finland is still officially considered "enemy territory."

But the Treasury Department has balked, being unwilling to thaw out part of Finland's frozen funds in this country. It was from those funds that the Finns proposed to pay the installment, the same way the last payment was made on June 15.

University City Medical Corps Captain Awarded Silver Star



NEWMAN BROWN KNAPP HARLAN



WOOD JANSSEN MELLIS HON

6 Flyers From This Area Also Decorated — Ensign Wins Medal — Purple Heart Goes to Artillery Officer.

Capt. Leon F. Weyerich, 35 years old, of the Army Medical Corps, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in Normandy on D-day, his wife, Mrs. Mae Weyerich, 7280 Forsythe boulevard, University City, has been informed. A graduate of the St. Louis University medical school, he was formerly employed by the Missouri State Board of Health at Rolla, Mo.

Lt. Charles J. Mellis Jr., 22, pilot of a British-based Flying Fortress, who has returned to this country after completing 32 combat missions, has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross. He also holds the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. His parents live at 615 Bermuda avenue, Normandy.

Lt. John J. Paquette, 23, pilot of a troop carrier transport based in the South Pacific, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. He is the husband of Mrs. Agnes Taylor Paquette, 5748 Thekla avenue.

Second Lt. Harry A. Knapp, 22, navigator on a Liberator based in India, has received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal, the Tenth Air Force has reported. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Newton P. Knapp, 8535 Mora lane.

Capt. William M. Wood, 22, pilot of an English-based Flying Fortress, was previously reported as having received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Wood, 571 North Twenty-sixth street, East St. Louis.

Lt. Col. Harry E. Brown, 38, serving with the Fourth Armored Division in Germany, has received the Bronze Star Medal. A former district office supervisor for the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., his home was in Richmond Heights. His wife, Mrs. Mary H. Brown, now lives in Indianapolis, Ind.

Lt. Col. William E. Newman, 29, executive officer of a fighter unit in Belgium, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service. His wife is Mrs. Martha Jane Newman, 454 West Jackson road, Webster Groves, and his mother, Mrs. James E. Newman, lives at 265 Union boulevard.

Ens. Frederick T. Hon, 29, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Navy Department has announced. He was cited for service while assisting the chief of staff and planning officer on the staff of a naval task force commander and for supervising communications during assault operations in the Pacific. His mother, Mrs. C. C. Hon, lives at 5351 Gladstone place, Lucas-Hunt Village.

Pfc. Dewey Karns Jr., 21, member of the Eighty-third Infantry Division on the Western front, has been decorated with the Bronze Star Medal for "heroic achievement against the enemy in France," an Army dispatch has reported. He is the husband of Mrs. Dorothy Karns, 2020 Senate street.

Pvt. Albert Shapiro, 20, serving with a medical detachment in the Eighty-fifth (Custer) Division of the Fifth Army in Italy, has received the Bronze Star Medal for "heroic achievement in action." His sister, Mrs. Fannie Suffian, lives at 4253 North Twentieth street.

Lt. George W. Harlan Jr., 24, navigator on an Italian-based Liberator, has been decorated with the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. He also was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered over Germany. Lt. Harlan, whose parents live at 1172 Hodiamont avenue, recently arrived in this country after completing 50 combat missions.

Seaman 1-C Charles L. Lawyer, 30, tail gunner on a Liberator based in the Marianas, has received the Air Medal. His wife, Mrs. Dorothy E. Lawyer, 3220A Meramec street, was informed recently that he was wounded in action Nov. 27.

Staff Sgt. Elmer V. Janssen, 21, gunner on a Flying Fortress based in England, has received the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster. His sister, Mrs. Rose Taylor, lives at 3626 Watson road, and his mother is Mrs. Sarah Janssen, 6560 Maurice avenue.

Lt. Robert J. Bohn, 29, serving with the field artillery, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in action in France, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Bohn, 2 Robin Hill, Clayton, have learned.

Pvt. Custer R. Walters, 20, an infantryman, who was wounded in action July 8 in France, has been awarded the Purple Heart. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Shepard, 207 Ferry street.

REICH HIT AGAIN BY U. S. BOMBERS IN TWO-WAY BLOW

Southwest Germany Attacked — Fourth Joint Assault From Italy, Britain This Week.

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP).—German air raid warnings revealed that American bombers from Italy and Britain struck Southwest Germany today—the fourth joint attack on the Reich in less than a week.

British-based bombers hit the area in front of Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army invading the Palatinate.

Two groups of bombers from Italy were reported to have flown into Germany, one toward Munich, and the second toward Czechoslovakia.

Five hundred British Lancaster bombers climaxed yesterday's two-way attack on German rail and industrial centers with a heavy raid last night on Ludwigshafen, 65 miles east of the Saarbrucken front. They loosed 3000 tons of bombs, running the 24-hour total dropped on the Reich to 6000 tons.

Hannover, Kassel and Osnabruck had been bombed earlier by Britain-based Flying Fortresses, while United States Fifteenth Air Force bombers from Italy struck railway yards at Innsbruck and targets at Linz, Salsburg, Rosenheim and Amstetten.

German fighters again remained on the ground yesterday. From the combined fleet of Allied war planes approximating 1700, 18 failed to return.

British Lancasters with six-ton "earthquake" bombs struck German E-boat and R-boat pens at Ijmuiden, on the west coast of Holland.

Fighters and bombers assigned to support the Allied armies in France, Germany and Italy made more than 4000 trips over the battlelines.

Three hundred American medium bombers pounded five German villages east of Monschau and blew up an oil dump at Ruthen, 75 miles northeast of Cologne.

PRISONER WHO FELL OFF BUNK IN JAIL DIED OF ENCEPHALITIS

James E. Welch, an inmate of City Jail who died at City Hospital on Nov. 15 after falling from his bunk at the jail on Nov. 6, and lapsing into a coma four days later, died of encephalitis, a check of autopsy reports showed today. Dr. John J. Connor, who performed the autopsy, said death was definitely not due to injury.

Welch told a guard on the evening of Nov. 6 that he had fallen from a top bunk, striking the lower bunk in a fall. His lower lip was badly cut, medical records at the jail show, and he was taken to the medical office and two stitches taken in the lip by an inmate assistant of the staff physician.

Director of Public Welfare Henry S. Caulfield, who has supervision of the jail, visited it yesterday and inspected the cells in which Alfred Anderson was held. Anderson died at City Hospital Saturday of a brain hemorrhage apparently suffered in a fall when he was a prisoner. Caulfield instructed Warden E. E. Hensley that all prisoners are to be treated by the jail physician immediately if they appear ill or in a stupor. If the physician, Dr. Eber Simpson, who is employed on a part-time basis, is not present, the inmate is to be taken to the hospital for examination, Caulfield said.

POLICE PATROL AFTER CLASHES AT WARD STORE IN MICHIGAN

DETROIT, Dec. 16 (AP).—State and city police patrolled the vicinity of the Montgomery Ward & Co. Royal Oak store today following reports of clashes yesterday between employes and CIO pickets. Three workers were treated for injuries.

A State police spokesman said there had been no incidents at the store since 15 Michigan troopers were ordered there by Gov. Harry F. Kelly following a request from City Manager Edward M. Shafter of Royal Oak.

Employes of the company's four stores in the Detroit area struck a week ago in protest against Ward's noncompliance with War Labor Board directives regarding wages and working conditions.

FEPC FINDS BIAS AGAINST NEGROES AT M'QUAY-NORRIS

Directs Company Here to Hire Women and Upgrade Men Without Discrimination.

The McQuay-Norris Manufacturing Co., 2320 Marconi street, was directed yesterday by the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice to cease discriminating against Negro women in hiring and Negro men in upgrading policies.

The directive, announced by Chairman Malcolm Ross in Washington, is an outgrowth of an FEPC hearing held here against eight local war plants cited for discriminatory tactics.

Ross said the company was directed:

1. To make full use of available supply of women workers, without regard to race, creed, color or national origin, in meeting its war industry labor needs.

2. To adjust upgrading policies to afford full opportunity to use workers at the highest skills, without regard to race, creed or national origin.

Company assertions that its practices were determined by "community customs and mores in the southern city of St. Louis," Ross declared, constitue "no defense for discriminatory employment practices."

At the hearings here early last August, A. J. Mummert, company vice president, testified before the committee that McQuay-Norris does not discriminate against "colored men and women as such." He said that in a "border-line" city like St. Louis companies could not comply 100 per cent with nondiscriminatory clauses in war contracts.

Under Presidential Executive Order 9346, the FEPC has jurisdiction to investigate complaints regarding discrimination against plants holding Government contracts. Its directives do not have the force of law, but are merely recommendations.

VICTOR W. LUND FUNERAL TO BE MONDAY AFTERNOON

Funeral services for Victor W. Lund, St. Louis attorney who died Thursday of heart disease at Josephine Heitkamp Hospital, will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Croghan undertaking establishment 7146 Manchester avenue. Burial will be at Sunset Burial Park. He was 55 years old.

Mr. Lund was past president of the Swedish National Society of St. Louis and was active in Boy Scout and other civic affairs. He was a graduate of St. Louis University Law School, and maintained offices in the Wainright building.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Beatrice E. Lund, 5025 Rhodes avenue; and three sons, Capt. Victor W. Lund Jr., Cpl. Richard B. Lund and Pfc. Clifford T. Lund.

CIO INSTRUCTS PAC TO AID IN STATE CHARTER CAMPAIGN

Co-operation of the CIO with all groups interested in adoption of the new state constitution was pledged in a resolution of the CIO St. Louis Industrial Union Council, Oscar A. Erhardt, council secretary, announced yesterday.

The resolution instructed the CIO Greater St. Louis Political Action Steering Committee "to assist in an educational campaign to enlighten voters on this proposal." It indorsed the proposed constitution in its entirety.

Though the proposed constitution is not entirely to the satisfaction and thinking of the St. Louis CIO Council delegates, the resolution stated, it contains many improvements overbalancing unsatisfactory considerations.

HIGH LOW RAIN

(Observations at 7:30 a. m. for previous 24 hours.)

	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Atlanta	47	34	...
Boston	37	31	...
Chicago	35	25	.02
Cincinnati	42	30	.01
Columbia, Mo.	42	26	...
Denver	44	21	...
Detroit	33	27	.03
Ft. Worth	70	37	...
Kansas City	42	28	...
Los Angeles	71	...	...
Memphis	55	33	...
Miami	65	55	...
Minneapolis	34	19	...
New Orleans	55	37	...
New York	37	34	...
Oklahoma City	54	28	...
Pittsburgh	35	32	...
St. Louis, City	45	25	...
St. Louis Airport	44	24	...
Washington, D. C.	40	34	...

ANNOUNCEMENTS DEATHS

ALBITZ, LAURA E.—5140 Minerva, Fri., Dec. 15, 1944; beloved wife of the late George Albitz, dear mother of John Albitz, dear sister, grandmother of Jean and Kenneth Albitz. Funeral from JOS. J. QUINN Parlors, 1380 Union, Mon., Dec. 18, 2 p. m. Interment Bellefontaine Cemetery.

APPELBAUM, MRS. ANTOINETTE (NETTIE) (nee Spinner)—1715A S. Eighth, Thurs., Dec. 14, 1944, wife of the late Casper Appelbaum, cherished mother of Sister Gertrude, Religious of the Sacred Heart, and John C. Appelbaum, our dear sister, sister-in-law and aunt. Funeral from ROBERT'S Funeral Home, 1905 S. Grand, Mon., Dec. 18, 8:30 a. m., to SS. Peter & Paul's Church. Interment SS. Peter & Paul's Cemetery.

BECK, GUSTAVE C.—Of 4017A Botanical av., Fri., Dec. 15, 1944, our dear uncle and friend. Services Mon., 2 p. m., at JNO. L. EIEGENHEER & SONS' Funeral Home, 7027 Gravois av. Entombment Valhalla Mausoleum.

BEST, CPL. MARVEL T., Jr.—Aged 21, killed in Italy Nov. 4, 1944, dear son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvel T. Best, Sr., dear grandson, nephew and cousin. Memorial services Sunday, Dec., 17, 3:30 p. m., at Memorial Congregational Church, 6234 Victoria. Relatives and friends invited.

BROWN, WILLIAM—Fri., Dec. 15, 1944, beloved husband of Anna Brown, dear father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother and brother-in-law. Funeral from WEICK BROS. Parlors, 412 Duchouquette, Mon., Dec. 18, 2 p. m., to Concordia Cemetery. Mr. Brown was a member of Box Makers and Sawyers Local No. 795.

DEATHS

CANTILLON, ANNA (nee Moxter)—2857A Victor, Thurs., Dec. 14, 1944, beloved wife of the late William Cantillon, dear sister of Harry Moxter and the late Charles, Henry, Arthur, Will, George and Mayme Moxter and Mrs. Dollie Guttman. Funeral from KRIEGSHAUSER Mortuary, 4228 S. Kingshighway, Mon., Dec. 18, 2 p. m. Interment New Picker Cemetery.

CREECY, CHARLES E.—4122 N. Kingshighway bl., Fri., Dec. 15, 1944, 4 p. m., beloved husband of Hazel N. Creecy (nee Thomas), dear father of John T., Mary Helen and Jane, our dear father-in-law, son-in-law, brother, brother-in-law and uncle. Services at CALVIN F. FEUTZ Funeral Home, 4828 Natural Bridge, Sun., Dec. 17, 2 p. m. Interment La Harpe, Ill. Mon. Parking rear of chapel.

GERKEN, ANNA M. (nee Saul)—5437 N. Euclid, Fri., Dec. 15, 1944, 2:45 p. m., widow of Henry W. Gerken, dear mother of Mrs. James M. Kelly and Mrs. Frank J. Abel, dear sister, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, aunt, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral from SCHNUR Funeral Home, 3132S Lafayette, Mon., Dec. 18, 10 a. m. Interment Zion Cemetery.

GRADY, MARGARET (nee Mulligan)—4126 Maffitt, Fri., Dec. 15, 1944, 10:15 p. m., beloved wife of the late James Grady, dear mother of Mrs. Thomas Connelly and Pvt. John J. Grady, our dear sister and aunt. Funeral from ARTHUR J. DONNELLY PARLORS, 3840 Lindell. Time later.

HALLER, ELVIRA M. (nee Loring)—Fri., Dec. 15, 1944, widow of William A. Haller, dear mother of William T. Haller, Mrs. Elvy Sexton and the late Arthur L. Haller, dear mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral from C. HOFFMEISTER Colonial Mortuary, 6464 Chippewa at Watson, Mon., Dec. 18, 2 p. m., to Memorial Park Cemetery. Member of American War Mothers and Occidental Chapter No. 185, O. E. S. The latter will conduct services at Mortuary Sun., 8 p. m.

HANCIN, LYLE R.—1228 Hickory st., suddenly Thurs., Dec. 14, 1944, 11:55 a. m., dear father, father-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, grandfather and uncle. Mr. Hamlin at KRIEGSHAUSER Chapel, 4104 Manchester av., until 10 a. m. Sun., Dec. 17, thence to Steelville, Mo., for services Mon.

JAVORICH, LUKA—1033 Geyer av., Fri., Dec. 15, 1944, beloved husband of Emilia Javorich (nee Kielbevich), dear father of Lucille, dear brother and son-in-law. Funeral Mon., Dec. 18, 8:30 a. m., from MODELL'S Mississippi and Allen av., to St. Joseph's Church, 12th and Russell bl. Interment New SS. Peter and Paul's Cemetery. Member of Hrvatski Sokol Dalmacija.

JONES, EDWIN—At Veterans' Hospital, Thurs., Dec. 14, 1944, beloved husband of Ruth Marie Jones (nee Gerhart), father of Donald, dear son of Annie Jones and brother of Florence Jones. Funeral from WINAN Funeral Home, 1519 S. Grand, Mon., Dec. 18, 8:30 a. m., to St. Margaret's Church. Interment Calvary Cemetery. Deceased was a member of I. B. E. W., Local No. 1.

KALLAHER, GUSSIE (nee Baumgartner)—3724 S. Spring av., Thurs., Dec. 14, 1944, 8:10 a. m., fortified with the sacraments of Holy Mother Church, dearly beloved wife of Walter Kallaher, dear daughter of the late John and Mary Baumgartner, dear sister of Frank, Mrs. Mary Zima, Jacob and William Baumgartner, dear daughter-in-law, sister-in-law and grandmother. Funeral from WACKER-HELDERLE Chapel, 3634 Gravois, Mon., Dec. 18, 8:30 a. m., to Pope St. Pius V Church. Interment Sunset Burial Park.

KOEBEL, EDWARD MARTIN D.—Entered into rest Thurs., Dec. 14, 1944, 3:15 p. m., beloved husband of Annie Koebel (nee Baumbach), dear father of John Koebel, Emma Schiller, Frieda Koebel, Hilda Heintz, Lester Koebel and Leona Konneman and our dear brother, grandfather and uncle, in his 74th year. Funeral Sun., Dec. 17, 1:30 p. m., from SCHRADER'S Chapel, Ballwin, Mo., to Hiram Cemetery.

KOENEMAN PELSTER, CLARA A. (nee Nagel)—Of Good Samaritan Home, Fri., Dec. 15, 1944, 2 a. m., dear mother of Edward H. Pelster and the late Lt. Roy A. Pelster, dear mother-in-law, sister, sister-in-law and aunt. Funeral from CALVIN F. FEUTZ Funeral Home, 4828 Natural Bridge bl., Mon., Dec. 18, 10 a. m. Interment Zion Cemetery. Member of Mount Moriah Chapter No. 6, O. E. S., and Women's Guild of Bethel Ev. Ref. Church. Parking rear of chapel. Members of Mount Moriah Chapter No. 6, O. E. S., are requested to attend services Sun., Dec. 17, 8 p. m. MILDRED KELLENBERGEN, W. M.

KRUSE, THE REV. SAMUEL, D. D.—Of 437 W. Rose Hill av., Kirkwood, entered into rest Fri., Dec. 15, 1944, beloved husband of Amalia Kruse (nee Mueller), dear father of Flora Heimburger, Dr. S. A. Kruse, Dr. Theo. Kruse, Selma Dressel, Dr. Cornelius Kruse and Olga K. Wobus, our dear brother, brother-in-law, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather. The Rev. Kruse at the BOPP Funeral Home, Kirkwood, until Mon. noon. In state at St. Lucas Evangelical Church, Sappington, Mo. Services 2 p. m. Interment St. Lucas Cemetery.

LUND, VICTOR W.—5025 Rhodes av., Thurs., Dec. 14, 5 p. m., beloved husband of Beatrice E. Lund (nee Tetley), dear father of Capt. Victor W. Jr., Cpl. Richard B. and Pfc. Clifford T. Lund, dear father-in-law, brother, brother-in-law and uncle. Funeral Mon., Dec. 18, 2 p. m., from CROGHAN Funeral Home, 7146 Manchester av. Interment Sunset Burial Park. Mr. Lund was a member of the Swedish National Society, also a member of Patrons Alliance, Public Schools, and the Lawyers Assn. of St. Louis.

LYNCH, LOUISE (nee Eckert)—Fri., Dec. 15, 1944, beloved wife of William Lynch, darling mother of 1-C Seaman Melvin Lynch, U. S. N.; William Jr., Sgt. Thomas Lynch, U. S. A.; Elmer, Ottilia Huck, Helen, Eileen, Loretta and Dorothy, dear daughter of William Eckert, dear sister, sister-in-law, aunt, mother-in-law and grandmother. Funeral Mon., Dec. 18, 8:30 a. m., from residence, 1005 Morrison av., to St. Vincent de Paul Church. Interment Calvary Cemetery. Member Daughters of America, Independent Council No. 15. MODELL service.

MATHEWS, WILLE E.—3461 Charlack, on Fri., Dec. 15, 1944, beloved husband of Justine L. Mathews (nee Grivet), dear father of Doreen Joyce and Nancy Lee, dear son of Cicero and the late Cora Mathews, dear brother of Cyrus, Ted Mathews and Nina Thurman, dear son-in-law, brother-in-law and uncle. Services by Beacon Lodge No. 3, A. F. and A. M., Sun., Dec. 17, 8:30 p. m., from BAUMANN BROS.' Funeral Home, 2504 Woodson rd., Overland.

8TH ARMY EDGES NEARER FAENZA IN NEW PUSH IN ITALY

Canadians Extend Bridgehead—Fifth Army Yanks Beat Off Attack Below Bologna.

U. S. FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE HAS LOST 2400 PLANES, DESTROYED 5660 CRAFT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. (AP).

THE Italy-based Fifteenth Air Force has lost about 2400 planes in combat and suffered 16,000 casualties while flying 150,000 sorties, the War Department reported today.

Summarizing operations by the force since its activation Nov. 1, 1943, the department said its planes had flown more than 150 million miles and dropped 200,000 tons of bombs on 630 industrial and military targets in 12 countries. B-17s and B-24s of the Fifteenth destroyed 3660 enemy aircraft in combat and more than 2000 on the ground.

The Twelfth Tactical Air Force, in 15 months of flying from Mediterranean bases, dropped 127,371 tons of bombs and destroyed 752 enemy planes in aerial combat. It lost 1173 planes to antiaircraft fire and in aerial combat. The announcement did not report the number of enemy planes it destroyed on the ground.

ROME, Dec. 16 (AP).—British and Polish troops renewed the attack southwest of Faenza today and gained a foothold on the ridge running between Celle and Pideura, Allied headquarters announced.

Celle is less than two miles west of Faenza and below the Bologna-Rimini highway.

Canadian forces north of the highway extended their newly won bridgehead across the Naviglio Canal to 3000 yards in bitter fighting.

In the Fifth Army sector fierce fighting continued. British troops repulsed a number of enemy attempts to recapture Tossignano.

Immediately south of Bologna, Americans of the Fifth Army repulsed a strong enemy attack. United States Fifteenth Air Force heavy bombers yesterday attacked strategic targets at Innsbruck, Linz, Salzburg, Rosenheim and Amstetten. Ten aircraft were missing.

Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark told Fifth Army officers and men that "as Fifteenth Army Group commander, I will drive the United States Fifth and British Eighth armies with every ounce of energy I have to help bring this war to an early close."

Clark, who will take over his new Allied command shortly, decorated 60 officers and men of the Fifth Army headquarters staff and promoted 30 others. He expressed regret at leaving the Fifth Army, but said he was happy and pleased to be moving on to greater duties and responsibilities.

The new commander said there was no one to whom he would rather turn over the American Fifth Army than Lt. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott Jr., his successor.

CIGARETTE RATIONING STARTS AT SCOTT FIELD MONDAY

A system of cigarette rationing which will permit each officer and soldier to buy a carton of cigarettes a week for his own consumption and another carton each week for one adult dependent of each officer, warrant officer, master sergeant, technical sergeant and staff sergeant, will be established Monday at Scott Field.

Officers at the field, which is the Army Air Forces radio training school, said the new system entailed the distribution of specially printed ration cards. It will be put into effect in the hope of giving everyone fair treatment during the current cigarette shortage. The ration system will permit civilian employes to obtain five packages of cigarettes a week.

Abuse of the ration privilege, officers said, will result in withdrawal of the offender's ration card. In addition, they said, any offender will be subject to disciplinary action. Military personnel at the field have been able to purchase only one package of cigarettes a day for several weeks.

SUGAR ALLOTMENTS OF MOST INDUSTRIAL USERS REDUCED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).—Sugar allotments to producers of bread, bakery and cereal products will remain unchanged in the next quarter, but those to most other industrial users will be reduced, it was announced yesterday by OPA in an order revising schedules for industrial sugar users.

Allotments to producers of bread, bakery and cereal products will continue at 80 per cent of their 1941 use; to makers of pharmaceuticals they will continue unchanged at 125 per cent of 1941 use.

For all other classes of industrial users, with one exception, allotments will be reduced from 80 to 70 per cent of their 1941 use. The exception is for producers of jams, jellies, preserves, marmalades and fruit butter. They will receive 70 per cent of their 1944 use and no longer will be granted "provisional allowances."

Three Killed in Crossing Crash.

CURRYVILLE, Mo., Dec. 16 (AP).—C. W. Van Hoy, 70 years old, farmer living in the Estes neighborhood, his wife and their 17-year-old son were killed when their truck collided with an Alton train at a crossing yesterday.

SELLING STALLS RISE IN BIG STOCK TRADE

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP).—The headlong rush to buy securities of all kinds at the highest prices since 1937 encountered liquidating resistance in today's stock market and, while scattered favorites continued the advance, many recent sprinters were thrown for losses. Thoughts of a substantial technical correction of the lengthy drive—the averages have tilted forward with only minor interruptions since the first of the month on the largest volumes since last July—cooled Wall Street's speculative fever to some extent and accounts were lightened in numerous instances to prepare for a possible temporary relapse.

Basis of Buying.

Sentiment still was propped, however, by waning reconversion fears due partly to long-war predictions, dividends, earnings and recognition of the fact huge amounts of idle funds were searching for employment.

Dealings again were among the fastest for a Saturday since last June, the aggregate for the two hours being 1,021,340 shares, although slowdowns were frequent after a speedy opening.

Low-quoted issues appeared in blocks running to 50,000 shares for Alleghany Corp. which tacked on ¼ of a point at 3¼. The direction was somewhat cloudy near the close. The Associated Press index of 60 stocks closed down .1 of a point at 58.1, but the industrial group was up .1 at 79.2 for a new 1944 high.

Occasional Gainers.

Occasional gainers included public service of N. J., American Water Works, U. S. Rubber, J. I. Case, Douglas Aircraft, Westinghouse, Union Carbide, Baltimore & Ohio, Eastman Kodak and American Can. Among intermittent stumblers were Bethlehem, Santa Fe, Southern Railway, Kennecott, Chrysler, General Motors, Montgomery Ward, Sears Roebuck, American Telephone and United Aircraft.

Supported in the curb were Raytheon, Pressed Metals, Buffalo Niagara Preferred, Continental Foundry and Northeastern Airlines.

Of the 852 issues traded in today, 327 were higher, 277 lower and 248 unchanged. Eighty-three made new 1944 highs and none new 1944 lows.

Saturday's 15 Leaders.

In the following table will be found the sales, closing prices and net changes of the 15 most active stocks traded in on the New York Stock Exchange Saturday:

Security.	Sales.	Close.	Change.
Alleghany	80,500	3¼	+ ¼
Cont Motors	28,200	9⅞	+ ⅛
Colum Gas & El	23,900	4¼	+ ⅛
Sinclair Oil	21,100	15¼	— ⅛
United Corp pf	16,900	41⅝	+ ¼
N Y Central	14,200	22¼	— ⅛
Stone & Web	11,400	12⅛	+ ⅛
Pub Svc N J	10,300	17⅝	+ ⅝
Balt & Ohio	10,200	10¾	....
Patino Min	9,400	20	+ ⅛
El Pow & Lt	9,100	4	+ ⅛
Int Tel & Tel	8,600	17⅛	— ⅛
North Am Co	8,300	19⅝	+ ⅛
Balt & Ohio pfd	8,100	19⅝	+ ⅛
Am Water Wks	7,900	8⅞	....

SOME WEEK-END TAKING OF PROFITS IN RAIL BONDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP).—Speculative enthusiasm for rail bonds dwindled today but many of the recently active climbers managed to make continued if minor progress.

Profit-taking was in evidence here and there among the rails which had been shooting up one to three points a day most of the week.

The list of Baltimore & Ohio loans, which were up sharply most of the week, was mixed. St. Paul adjusted 5s and North Western 4s of '89 were under water at times, and the active Chicago & Alton 3s just held their own.

Still moving ahead at times were loans of the Illinois Central, Missouri Pacific, New York Central, Frisco, New Haven, Rock Island and Atlantic Coast Line 4½s, Central of Georgia 5½s, Big Four 4½s, Denver & Rio Grande 4s of '36, International Great Northern first 6s and Wisconsin Central Superior & Duluth 4s.

Other corporate issues showed little change. Foreign loans were mixed.

COMMODITY PRICE INDEX AT NEW 1944 PEAK, 108.57

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP).—The Associated Press weighted index of 35 wholesale commodities reached a new 1944 high of 108.57 per cent of the 1926 average on Dec. 15, compared with 107.70 a week earlier and 107.25 last year.

All components of the index were higher or unchanged except foods which declined slightly.

Individual commodities advancing were steel scrap, hogs, lambs, wheat, oats, rye and cotton. Eggs declined.

The staple price barometer, with the base year 1926 equal to 100 and showing percentages for Dec. 15, the previous week and a year earlier, follows:

	Dec. 15.	Prev. Wk.	Yr. Ago.
35 commodities H	108.57	107.70	107.25
Industrials	100.18	99.52	100.31
Food	90.30	90.53	89.97
Livestock	125.18	122.96	118.86
Grains and cotton	136.21	134.35	134.50
Textile	95.25	95.25	94.44
Non-ferrous metal	88.42	88.42	88.42

H-108.57—new 1944 high.

COTTON MARKET CLOSES 15C A BALE OFF TO 35C UP

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP).—The cotton futures market developed a steadier tone late in today's session on mill buying and local demand. Trading was quiet reflecting dullness in the spot markets and a disposition to await recommendations on cotton policy which may arise from the conferences at Washington last week.

Futures closed 15 cents a bale lower to 35 cents higher.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Ch'ge.
March	21.92	21.93	21.89	21.90	—3
May	21.83	21.86	21.83	21.84	+1
July	21.45	21.48	21.44	21.46	+1
Oct.	20.47	20.57	20.43	20.53n	+7

Middling spot 22.27n, off 6.
n-Nominal.

New Orleans Cotton.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16 (AP).—Cotton futures closing prices were 45 cents a bale higher to 5 cents lower.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Ch'ge.
Mch	21.93	21.93	21.92	21.91b	—1
May	21.86	21.86	21.83	21.85b	....
July	21.49	21.51	21.48	21.51b	+2
Oct	20.47	20.57	20.47	20.55	+9

Spot cotton closed steady unchanged. Sales 2852. Low middling 17.65c, middling 21.40c, good middling 21.80c. Receipts 1722, stock 228,880.
b-Bid.

10-Market Cotton Prices.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16 (AP).—Average prices of middling 15-16th inch cotton Saturday at 10 designated Southern spot markets was 21.57 cents, down .03.

DIVIDEND MEETING RESULTS

CHICAGO, Dec. 16 (AP). — Directors of the Cudahy Packing Co. declared a quarterly dividend of 30 cents a share on common capital stock, payable Jan. 15, 1945, to holders of record Jan. 2.

UNIT QUOTATIONS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Unit quotations as furnished by the National Association of Security Dealers:

(Early Quotations)

AffiliatedFine	4.03	NAmBondTrFs	37.625
AmBusShrs	3.73	NorAmTrSh '53	2.27
BroadStInv	31.64	NorAmTrSh'55	2.98
BullockFund	16.68	NorAmTrSh'56	2.87
DiversifiedTrSC	3.95	QuarterlyIncSh	8.40
DividendShrs	1.35	RepublnvFund	3.59
FundInvestInc	25.18	SelecAmShInc	10.93
IncorpInvest	23.51	StateStreetInv	46.50
MarylandFund	5.80	SuperofAmTrAA	2.56
MassInvTr	23.25	TrusteedIndShrs	.80
MassInv2dFdIn	11.69	USEIL&P'A'	17.60
MutualInvest	11.98	USEIL&P'B'	1.89
NewEngFund	13.84		

STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Today's closing prices on a selected list of stocks traded in on the New York Stock Exchange will be found in the following table:

Security.	Close.	Security.	Close.
Alleghany Corp	3¼	KennecottC2¼e	36⅝
Allied C&D 6	157	Laclede Gas pf	91
Am Air L 1e	42¾	LehighC&N1e	12¼
Am Cab & E	12	Lig&My B3a	78½
Am Can 3	92½	Lockheed 2	19⅝
Am Distill	34⅝	Loew's 2a	79½
Am Locom 1.30e	27½	Lorillard 1e	19
Am R&SS .40	11⅞	Martin GL 3	23½
Am Roll M .80	15½	May D Strs 3	65½
Am S & R 2a	40½	Monsanto 2¼e	81
A T & T 9	164¾	Mont Ward 2	51¾
Am Zinc L&S	5¾	Nash Kelv ½	16
Anaconda 2½e	28¼	Nat Biso 1.20	24½
Am Wat Wks	8⅛	N Dairy P 1.20	25⅛
Atch T&SF 6	79⅝	NYCenRR1½e	22¼
Atl Cst L 3e	50¼	N Am Av 1¼e	9¼
Avia-C .20e	5	N Am Co 1.24f	19⅝
BaldwL ct 1½e	26⅝	Nor Pac 1e	20⅛
B & O	10¼	Ohio Oil ½a	18⅛
Barnsd O .60a	16½	Packard .10e	5¼
Blaw-Knox .70e	14⅛	Pan A Airw 1e	34⅞
Beth Stl 6	64⅞	Para Pict 2	29¾
Boeing Air 2e	17⅞	Patino M 2¼e	20
Canadian Pac 1e	11½	Penney JC 3a	109¾
Case 1¾e	36¾	Penn RR 2½e	33
C & O 3a	50	PepsiCola2½e	66
Chi & NW 5e	26	Phelps D 1.60	25⅛
Chrysler 3	92¼	Phillips P 2	44⅛
ColumG&E.20e	4¼	Pub S NJ 1	17⅞
Coml Inv T 2	44	Pullman 3e	48¾
Comwlth E 1.40	29	RCA .20e	10⅝
Consol Ed 1.60	24¾	Repub S 1	19⅛
Cont Can 1	37⅛	St Joe L 2	37⅛
Cont Mot .60	9½	Sinclair O 1	15¼
Crucible Stl 3e	35½	Sou Pac 3	40¾
Cuban-A Sug 1e	16½	Sou Ry 2¾e	32¾
Curtiss-W ¾e	5⅝	Sperry 2e	27⅝
Dow Chem 3	121	Std Oil Ind 1a	33⅝
Doug Air 5e	69½	Std Oil NJ 1a	56
Elec Boat 1½e	15⅝	Stone&Web¾e	12¼
Elec P & L	4	TwenC-Fox2a	28⅛
Gen Elec 1.40	40½	Union Carb 3	80
Gen Foods 1.60	41½	Union Pac 6	117¼
Gen Motor 3	64¾	United A L 1½e	35⅝
Gen Stl C pf6k	109¾	United Airc 3e	29⅝
Goodrich 2	54	United Cpf1¼k	41⅝
Goodyear 2	50¾	US Rub 2	52¼
GraniteCS.525e	14⅝	US Steel 4	60½
Grt Nor R pf 2e	46½	Wabash pf 4½e	66½
Homestake	43¼	Warner Bros	13⅛
Houston Oil	12⅞	West Un 2	45
Int Harv 2.60a	82	W-Elec&M4	116⅛
Int Nick C 1.60	28¾	Willys-Overl	17¾
Int Paper	21½	York Corp .30e	13⅝
Int T&T	17¼	Yng S&T 2	40

Symbols: aAlso extra or extras. dCash or stock. ePaid last year. fPayable in stock. aDeclared or paid so far this year. bPayable in Canadian funds. kAccumulated dividends paid or declared this year. ††Ex-dividend. **Ex-rights.

STOCK MARKET AVERAGES.
(Compiled by Dow-Jones.)

	High.	Low.	Close.	Ch'ge.
30 Indu'trials	153.00	152.15	152.53	+.25
20 railroads	47.41	46.93	46.98	—.36
15 utilities	26.36	26.12	26.25	+.15
65 stocks	56.40	55.99	56.13	—.02

(Compiled by the Associated Press.)

	High.	Low.	Close.	Ch'ge
30 Industrials	79.4	79.0	79.2	+.1
15 Railroads	33.9	33.4	33.4	—.3
15 Utilities	39.5	39.1	39.2	....
60 Total	58.4	58.0	58.1	—.1

U. S. TREASURY STATEMENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).—The position of the Treasury Dec. 14: Receipts, $181,377,868.52; expenditures, $219,507,738.42; net balance, $20,175,126,630.05; total debt, $229,690,324,139.26.

ST. LOUIS STOCKS

ST. LOUIS STOCK EXCHANGE, Dec. 16.—Prices were higher on the local market today.

Ann. Div. In Dollars	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.	Net Ch'ge
GrieseW 2.50a	15	36½	36½	36½	....
Huttig 1a	100	15	15	15	....
IntShoe 1.80	25	39⅞	39⅞	39⅞	+⅛
KeyCo. .15a	50	10	10	10	+1½
LaclSt 1.30a	85	17½	17½	17½	+ ¼
MidP&S 1.20a	10	28½	28½	28½	—1¾
NatCdy 2.50a	330	43	42½	43	+½

a—Paid or declared in current fiscal year.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Closing quotations on securities whose bids or offers changed:

SECURITY.	Bid.	Offer.
Burkart Mfg 1.50b	32	....
Century El .50a	6½	7
Griesedieck-West 2.50a	35¼	....
Huttig 1a	14¾	....
Intl Shoe 1.80	39½	40
Key Co. .15a	10	10½
Laclede-Steel 1.30a	17	17½
Midwest Pipe & S 1.20a	27¾	....
Natl Candy 2.50a	43	....
Natl Bear M 1	22	22½
Rice-Stix 1.25b	17	18
Wagner El 2a	34¼	35

Hussmann-Ligonier Dividend.

Hussmann-Ligonier Co. declared the regular quarterly dividend of 15 cents a share on the common stock, payable Feb. 1 to stock of record Jan. 20.

COMMODITIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP).—The Associated Press weighted wholesale price index of 35 commodities (1926 equals 100):

Saturday	Previous day	Week ago	Month ago	Year ago
108.50	108.57	107.70	107.70	107.25
High—	108.57	107.54	103.22	95.12
Low—	106.03	103.43	95.54	77.03

Commodity prices Saturday with previous close:

	Saturday.	Prev. Close.
COTTON, lb	.2227n	.2233n
FLAXS' bu	3.10	3.10
WOOL TOP, lb	1.34n	1.34n
GRS WOOL, lb	.98n	.98n
†*TURPENTINE, gal	.79	.....
†*ROSIN (B) cwt	5.05	.....
LOCAL.		
LINSD. O., raw, lb.	.157	.157
FLOUR, hard fam., cwt.	3.82@4.12	3.82@4.12
†WOOL, lb.	.42@44	.42@44

aAsked. bBid. nNominal. †Mo-Ill. xOPA maximum less markup. *Base price of receiver to shipper. ††For week. xxProduce Row. †*Fri., closed Saturday.

EARLY WEEK CATTLE PRICE GAINS LOST BEFORE CLOSE

NATIONAL STOCKYARDS, Ill., Dec. 16 (WFA).—Hogs receipts, 2600; 500 salable; market nominal; 180-270 lbs, $14@14.50; heavier weights, $13.75; 140-160 lbs, $12.85@13.60; few sows, $13.50.

Market for Friday to Friday: All weights and classes unevenly steady to 10c higher.

Cattle receipts, 2500; 400 salable; 75 calves, all salable; all advances of first two days were lost in cattle, closing deals barely steady to somewhat lower than last Friday on steers, heifers and cows; other classes unchanged. Top for week, 1147-lb steers, $16.15; 1095-lb yearlings, $16; 884-lb mixed yearlings, $16; 595-lb heifers, $14.50; replacement steers, $12; bulk for week, good steers, $13.50@15.50; medium, $11.50@13; common, $9.50@11.50; good heifers, and mixed yearlings, $13@14.50; medium, $10.50@12.75; common, $8@9.50; good cows, $11.50@12.50; common and medium cows, $8@11; canners and cutters, $5.50@7.50; good beef bulls, $11@11.50; good sausage bulls, $10@10.50; cutter and common bulls, $7@9; replacement steers mostly common and medium, $8@10.

Sheep receipts, 1600, none salable; compared Friday last week lambs and ewes 25 to 50c higher; yearlings strong to 25c higher; top lambs for week, $15; good and choice, $14.25@14.75; medium and good, $12.50@14; throwouts, $9@10.50; good and choice fall clipped lambs, $14@14.50; No. 1 skin, $13.50@13.75; medium and good, No. 1 skin, $12.50; good and choice wooled yearlings, $12.50@13; top $13; medium and good, No. 1 skins, $11; good and choice wooled two-year-old wethers, $11; top wooled ewes, $6.25; medium to choice, $4.75@6.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STOCK YARDS.

CATTLE—For the week, good and choice steers quotable $13.25@15.50, short feds $11@13; good and choice heifers and mixed yearlings largely $12@14; grassy kinds and short feds, $9@11.50; thin grassers and common steers sold mostly at $7@10 with heifers ranging $6.50@8.50; at the close beef cows moved at $8.25@11, a few choice kinds in the $12 column; canners, cutters and utility grades $5.50@8 with light shelly canners at $5 and below; sales on most sausage bulls ranged $8@10, weighty kinds to $10.50 and beef bulls to $11.50, some light thin bulls around $7; better heavy calves ranged $11@12.50 with some weighty kinds at $13 and above; common kinds $7@10; top on veal calves each day $14.50.

HOGS—In the fore part of the week prices advanced to $14.55, but later declined to $14.10, and closed Friday at $14.15. On Friday, the bulk of the 180 to 270 lbs. sold $14.10@14.15; 271 lbs. up $13.75@14; 140 to 160 lbs., $12.85@13.65; lighter weights $12.35 down; packing sows, $13.40@13.50; stags $13.50 down.

SHEEP—For the week choice wooled lambs sold up to $15, with the bulk of the good and choice moving $14.25@14.75; medium to good $13@14, throwouts $9@10.50; buck lambs discounted $1; clipped lambs, No. 1 pelts, bulked $12.50@13.50, with choice fall clips up to $14.50; wooled yearlings sold $13 down; slaughter ewes $5@6, with choice handy weights to $6.25.

LAMBS AND VEALS.

Lamb and veal quotations on the St. Louis market as reported by the "St. Louis Daily Market Reporter":

VEALS—Strictly choice, $14.50; fair to good, $12@13.25; common and medium, $9@10.50; rough and underfed, $6@8.

LAMBS—Choice, $14.50@15; medium, $12.50@14; common, $9@10.50; slaughter ewes, $5@6.

WHEAT MARKET MIXED WHILE CORN IS FIRM

CHICAGO, Dec. 16 (AP).—The new crop wheat contracts were firm today, supported by short covering, but the May and December deliveries were on the off side most of the session. Other grains were steady to firm with corn at times holding gains of nearly a cent.

Trade sources attributed purchases of July wheat to a report that Secretary of Agriculture Wickard had denied he would advocate a two-price system for the grain which would guarantee parity only for that portion of the crop used domestically for food. A rumor that such a plan was being considered caused heavy liquidation Thursday.

Sales of December and May wheat were regarded as liquidation by longs who were switching to the deferred months.

Two hundred thousand bushels of wheat were tendered on December contracts at Minneapolis today. Trading in December wheat will close here next Thursday.

Country offerings of cash corn were the smallest in weeks. No overnight purchases for deferred shipment were reported. In the futures market the corn trade was dull with the December delivery showing greatest strength.

Rye was unsettled. Opening prices were as much as ¾ of a cent higher but the market broke quickly under increased offerings. A rally followed later but near the close prices again were easy.

At the close wheat was ⅛ higher to 1 cent lower than yesterday's finish, December $1.68¾. Corn was unchanged to ⅛ higher, December $1.14. Oats were up ⅛ to ⅛, December 69¾. Rye was ⅜ lower to ⅝ higher, December $1.11⅛-¼. Barley was ⅛ higher to ¼ lower, December $1.13⅛.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE, Dec. 16.—In the cash grain market Saturday corn was steady; 5 cars sold. One car of wheat sold.

Sales made on the floor of the exchange follow:

Wheat—No. 3 red winter wheat, $1.74⅞. Corn—No. 3 yellow corn, $1.15¾@1.16¼; No. 4 yellow corn, $1.14¼@1.15. Oats—Sample grade white oats, 70c.

GRAIN FUTURES

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE, Dec. 16.

	High	Low	Close	Prev. Close
WHEAT.				
Chi Dec	169⅝	168⅝	168¾	169¾
Chi May	164⅛	163⅜	163½	164⅛
Chi July	155½	154⅝	154⅝	154½
Chi Sept	154⅛	153⅛	153½	153½
KC Dec	159	158½	158½	159⅛
KC May	156⅛	155¼	155⅜	156⅛
KC July	147⅝	146⅝	146¾	147
Min Dec	158¾	157⅞	157	158⅜
Min May	158	157⅜	157-⅛	158
Min July	....	....	152½	153¼
CORN.				
Chi Dec	114⅛	113¼	114	113⅛
Chi May	110⅜	109¾	110¼	109⅞b
Chi July	110⅛	109⅝	110⅛	109¾
Chi Sept	....	....	109⅛	109¼
KC Dec	108¼	108	108½	107½
KC May	104⅝	104¼	104½	104½
OATS.				
Chi Dec	69¾	69⅛	69¾	69¼
Chi-May	63⅞	63⅜	63⅞	63⅜
Chi July	59⅝	59⅛	59½b	59⅜
Chi Sept.	58¼	58	58¼b	58
Min Dec	63⅝	63	63⅝	63¼
RYE.				
Chi Dec	111½	110½	111⅛	110⅝
Chi May	109⅛	108½	108⅝	108⅜
Chi July	107½	106½	106⅝	107@¼
Chi Sept	106½	105⅝	105⅝	105⅝@⅛
BARLEY.				
Chi Dec	....	....	113½	113b
Chi May	....	....	102⅝a	102⅞
Chi July	....	....	97¼b	97¼b

Opening prices at Chicago were: Wheat—Dec. $1.69⅝; May $1.64⅛@⅝; July $1.54⅞@¾; Sep. $1.53¾. Corn—Dec. $1.13¼; May $1.10@1.10⅛; July 1.09⅞; Sep. $1.09¼. Oats—Dec. 69⅝c; May 63¼c; July 59¾c; Sep 58c. Rye—Dec. $1.11¼@⅝; May $1.09@1.08⅞; July $1.07½@⅝; Sep. $1.06⅛. Barley—Dec. $1.13⅛.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP).—Foreign exchange rates follow (Great Britain in dollars, others in cents): Canadian dollar in New York open market, 10 3-16 per cent discount, or $9.81¼ U. S. cents. Great Britain official buying, $4.02; selling, $4.04. Argentina, free, 24.92; Brazil, free, 5.25n; Mexico,

Postpone Dividend Consideration.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16 (AP).—Directors of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad deferred action on a common stock dividend and retirement of the company's RFC loan.

Railroad officials said action was deferred because of a rehabilitation program now under consideration involving the purchase of new equipment.

The road's directors will again consider dividend and debt retirement policies within 90 days after the board has determined the expenditure necessary to meet equipment requirements.

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT

ST. LOUIS PRODUCE MARKET, Dec. 16.—Market as reported by the St. Louis Daily Market Reporter:

BROCCOLI—Stronger.
LETTUCE—Strong.
CARROTS—Firm.
CABBAGE—Barely steady to easier.
CITRUS FRUIT—Firm to strong.
POTATOES—100 lbs West. white $3.25@3.96, red $2.75@3.75, Idaho r m No. 1 $3.65@3.96, Nor. red $2.75@3.40, white $2.65@2.85; Maine Kat., $3.65@3.75; h.-g. box white, $1.15@1.75.
ONIONS—50 lbs., No. yel., $1.25@1.60; West. yel $1.10@1.85, white $2.40@2.50.
BEANS—Sou. bu $4.25@4.50.
BEETS—H-g bchs doz 20@40c, bu box 40@50c, Tex. ½ crts $1.25@1.50.
BROCCOLI—Cal. crts., $7.50@8.
BRUSSELS SPROUTS—West., 25 lbs., $4.75@5.
CABBAGE—50 lbs Nor. and East. $1.90@2.25, red $3@3.25, Tex. and Ariz. $2.50@3.
CARROTS—H-g box $1.25@1.50, bnchs doz 70c, crts $4.70.
CAULIFLOWER — West. crts $2@2.50, Tex. $2.85.
CELERY—West., ½ crts., $5.25@5.75; pascal, $4@5.50.
CELERY CABBAGE—H-g box, $1.75@2.
COLLARDS—H-g, box, 75c@$1; Sou., bu, $1.35@1.40.
ENDIVE—Tex., crts, $5.75.
EGGPLANT—Tex., bu, $3@3.50.
GREEN ONIONS—H-g bnchs, doz, 50@70c.
HORSERADISH—H-g bulk, per cwt, nat to growers, No. 1, $11@11.50; No. 2, $6; trimmings, $3.
KALE—Ky., bu, $1.15; h-g, $1.
LEEKS—H-g bchs, doz, 75c@$1.15.
LETTUCE—West. crts, 4s-5s, $4.99@5; Ind. leaf, bu, $2.50.
MUSHROOMS—Midwest, pt, 30@35c; lb 60@65c.
MUSTARD—Sou., bu, $1.25@1.35.
PARSLEY—H-g bchs, doz, 35@50c.
PARSNIPS—North., 50 lbs, $2.60; h.-g. box, $1.25@1.75.
PEPPERS—Tex., bu, best $4.
RADISHES—Tex. ½ crts, $3@3.50.
RHUBARB—Cal., 20 lbs, $2.
RUTABAGAS—Can., 50 lbs, 95c@$1.
SHALLOTS—La., crts, $5.50@6.
SALSIFY—H-g bchs, 90c@$1.25.
SPINACH—H-g, bu, $1@1.25; Tex., $1.50@1.65.
SQUASH—H-g box hubbard and pie pumpkin, 40@50c; Nor. acorn, $1@1.15.
SWEET POTATOES—Sou, bu P. R., $3.05@3.10; n hall, $2.40@2.60; Ill. n hall, $2.25; h-g n hall, $1@1.50.
TOMATOES—Repacked, lb., 19@22c.
TURNIPS—H-g box, 65c@$1.25; Mo. and Ark., $1.60; Sou bnchs doz, $1.25.
TURNIP TOPS—Sou bu, $1.35.

FRUIT MARKET.

APPLES—Ill.-Mo. bu, $2.25@3.85; Nor. and East., $2.40@3.75; No. 1 jonathans, $3.25@3.75; Northwest boxes, $2.75@4.14.
CRANBERRIES—25 lbs Wis., $7.53@7.93.
BANANAS—Per cwt, $7.37@8.50.
GRAPES—Cal. lugs, $4.50@5.
GRAPEFRUIT—Tex. box, $2.75@3.25; pink meat, $3.50@4.25.
TANGERINES—Fla. 4-5 box, $3.35.
ORANGES—Fla. and Tex. box, $4.86@5.25.
PINEAPPLES—Cuban crts, $5@7.50.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS.

TREES—Northwest fir 2-8s, $1.75@2.50; Eastern and Canada balsam 2-8s, $2.75@3.75.
GRAVE COVERING—West. and North. per cwt, $4.
HOLLY—Wreaths, natural (Del.) doz, $3@3.25; treated 12-in doz, $4.50; bulk holly Sou per lb, 15@50c.
PINE WREATHS—Princess pine 12-in doz, $3.
MISTLETOE—Sou. per lb, 30c.
NEEDLE PINES—Sou. 24s, $3@3.50.

EGG AND POULTRY MARKETS

The egg and poultry markets as reported by the "St. Louis Daily Market Reporter":

EGGS—Base prices of receiver to shippers: U. S. extras, 48c; U. S. standards, 43c; current receipts, 41c; pullets, 27c.

POULTRY—Base price of wholesalers to shippers, fowls all wts., 23.9c; leghorn, 22c; springs, 27.4c; fryers, 27.4c; broilers, 27.4c; roosters, old and leghorn stags, 17c; ducks, white, 4½ lbs. and over, 25c; small or dark, 18c; geese, all wts., 24.9c; turkeys, all wts., young, 34.2c; old, 32.2c; No. 2, 28c; guineas, young, 41c; old, 18c; squabs (dressed), 65@70c.

RABBITS—First rand receives paying $2.75 per doz. to shippers for No. 1 fresh killed.

Butterfat.

No. 1 at 46c, No. 3 at 43c per lb—at country stations.

BUTTER—Base price del. St. Louis in carlots: Grade AA (93 score), 4120; Grade A (92 score), 4070; Grade B (90 score), 4045; Grade C (89 score), 3995; Unlisted

Local Bank Clearings.

Local bank clearings for Dec. 16 were $27,400,000. Debits to individual accounts for Dec. 15 were $76,100,000.

TO ALL MONTGOMERY WARD PEOPLE:

1. The reason given for the strike in Wards' four Detroit stores is that Wards' has refused to comply with an order of the National War Labor Board. This order seeks to impose upon Wards a closed shop in the form of maintenance of membership together with the checkoff of union dues from wages.

2. The Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia has held that orders of the War Labor Board are merely "advice" which no one has any legal duty to obey. The court held that anyone who refuses to comply with orders of the War Labor Board is not defying a command of the Government and that since the orders are merely advisory, no government official has the right to impose punishments on those who do not comply. The Supreme Court has refused to alter this decision.

3. Wards has refused to agree to any form of closed shop, or compulsory union membership. The closed shop, including maintenance of membership, violates the American principles of liberty and freedom. Liberty requires that every employee be free to join, refuse to join, or resign from a union without losing his job. Liberty requires that Wards be free to employ workers, and to continue to employ them, on a basis of merit—union members and non members alike.

4. Each employee at Wards is free to join or not to join a union, as he wishes. Wards fully recognizes this privilege and assures all employees that their opportunity with the company will be the same whether they are union members or not.

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Outdoor Life

Quails' Best Friends Are the Hunters

By Leonard Hall

TONIGHT the snow is coming down in big, soft flakes. It is the first real snow storm of the season and tomorrow morning everything will be covered with a blanket of white.



The birds must have known about it beforehand, for all afternoon the chickadees and titmice and cardinals and juncoes were busy at the bird feeder, filling themselves to the brim on sunflower seed and raisins and peanut butter and scratch feed. The downy woodpeckers were there, too, but the weather evidently hasn't gotten severe enough so far to bring in the wilder birds who winter with us. I'd been pounding away at the typewriter most of the day. Finally about an hour before dusk, I pulled on my boots and took Mac and the gun and went out for a round to clear the cobwebs from my brain. The thermometer was dropping even then, although it hadn't started snowing and you could keep warm if you walked briskly. We went down the hill and across the creek into the big field. There's a covey of quail which feeds regularly in the lespedeza over there and it's an ideal place for them. The field wasn't mowed this year and it is matted with blue grass, lespedeza and timothy which stands waist high. This makes good protection against hawks and even a fox would be slowed down and find stalking difficult in the heavy tangle.

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WE HADN'T GONE VERY far when Old Mac scented birds. He worked back and forth closely for quite awhile and couldn't locate the covey. At last he went out in a big circle and then made game again in the field down by the river. The birds were evidently on the move, heading for their roosting place for the night. But he found them at last and came down on a hard point, away at the far side of the field. I walked over and the birds went up in a tight bunch, but it was too dark by now to shoot so I stood and watched them pitch down into the undergrowth at the edge of the hill. I was glad afterwards that they hadn't gotten scattered, for many a quail has frozen to death on a night like this because it couldn't get back together with the rest of the covey. It's interesting the way these little brown fellows roost on the ground in a tight circle, with all heads pointing outward, ready to burst into flight like a bombshell at the first sign of danger.

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SOMETIMES, YOU'LL FIND their roosts out in the open in short grass which seems to offer no cover and I suppose the reason is so that they can take off without interference. But when the weather turns stormy they will often move into denser cover for protection, even though this may mean greater danger from predatory animals. It has been my experience over the years that weather, more than any other factor, is the thing which governs the quail population in a given territory. Food and cover are also important although these, too, depend at least partially upon weather. Often in wet years the broods of young quail will get drowned out and, while some of the old pairs will hatch a second brood, this always cuts the size of the quail crop. Drought is equally hard because it sometimes forces the birds to migrate fairly long distance in search of food. This often accounts for finding no quail whatever in an area which, in previous seasons, had sheltered several coveys. But worst of all are the hard sleet storms or freezing rains which winter brings to our Mid-Western country all too often. During these storms the weeds and stubble fields which furnish the quail with their food are covered with ice, and if this lasts for many days, whole coveys can starve to death.

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THE NEXT IMPORTANT FACTOR governing quail population is the predators which prey upon them. But again the toll taken by predators depends not a little upon weather and cover and can be controlled to a fairly large degree. In settled country, I would list the house cat as far and away the most destructive enemy of the Bob White. Cats are great night hunters and if you have occasion to drive the country roads after dark, you'll always see them on the prowl. Foxes undoubtedly are overrated as quail hunters if we can judge from most of the studies made by qualified conservationists. In limited areas, the fox might become fairly destructive over a short period of time. He will certainly catch any bird he can, either young or adult, but in our settled communities the fox himself is the quarry for so many hunters that he seldom gets numerous enough to be a menace.

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MOST OVER-RATED OF ALL as enemies of the Bob White are the owls and hawks. Farmers, particularly, seem to entertain an age-old emnity towards these birds of prey despite the fact that most species are actually of considerable value in controlling the rodent population. Possibly the Cooper's Hawk and Sharpshin manage to kill a few quail as, undoubtedly, they kill some songbirds. But they and the marsh hawk are great rodent hunters and, in some areas, are the main factors in controlling such pests as the cotton rat which is itself one of the quail's worst enemy. The Bob White, of all our American game birds, is probably the one most easily and widely propagated under game management conditions. Experiments in this field have been fairly successful although there is evidence to indicate that it is easy to breed the "wildness" out of game birds which are hatched and raised in captivity. This means that when the birds are released they may not be able to fend for themselves and so die of starvation or fall easy prey to their enemies. They simply lack the instinct for survival which is the heritage of their wild cousins.

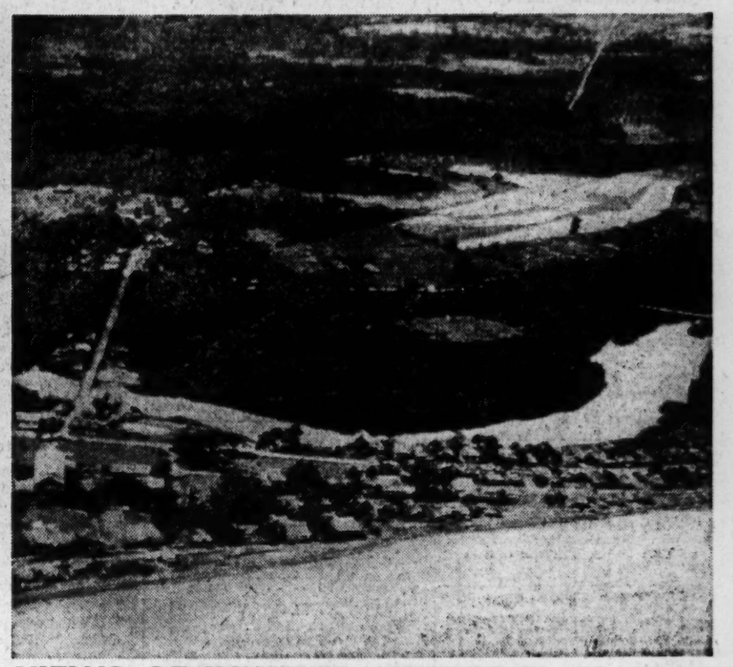
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IT IS INTERESTING THAT the hunter, who can be the most destructive factor as far as the quail population is concerned, can also be the most important one in seeing to it that the species survives and increases. No one is quite so interested in preserving the Bob White as the hunter and for that reason he works for intelligent laws to govern the season and bag limit and for conservation measures which will provide adequate food and cover. If the present intelligent attitude continues, it is possible that the next generation will see an increase rather than a decrease in our quail population.

ACTION IN THE PACIFIC; NEW THRUST IN PHILIPPINES



YANKS FLY ON DESPITE ATTACK American bombers of the Seventh Air Force fly on to smash Japanese targets in the Bonin and Volcano Islands, despite an attempt to break up the formation by Japanese Zero interceptors, which shower phosphorous bombs about the raiders.
—Associated Press Wirephoto from Seventh Air Force.

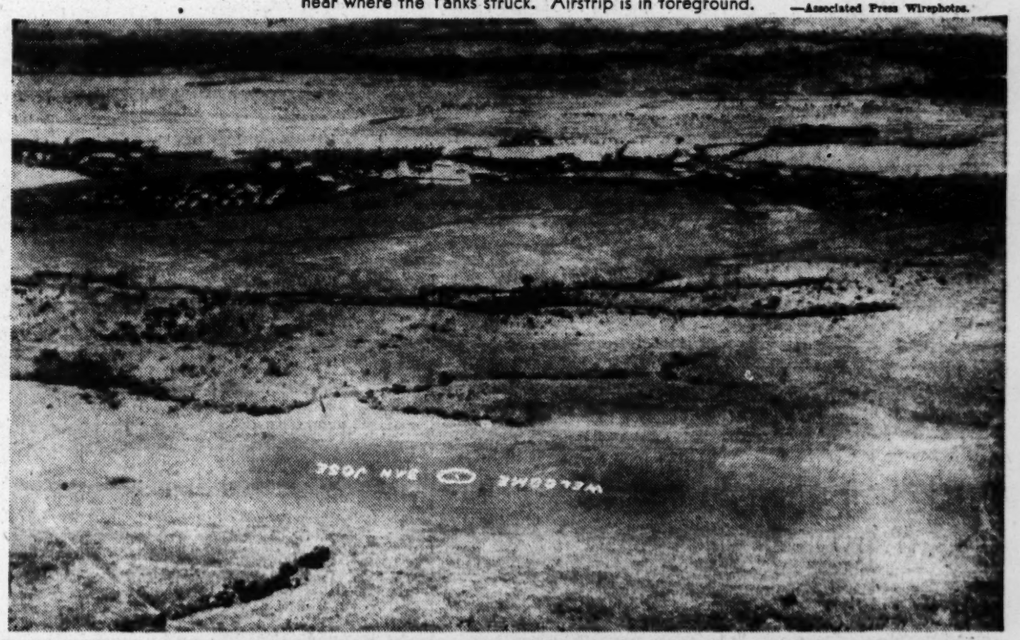


VIEWS OF INVADED MINDORO Above, an aerial view of a coconut palm-covered coastal plain on Mindoro Island, south of Luzon, where American Sixth Army troops have landed in pressing the campaign to drive the Japanese from the Philippines. The scene is near the capital, Calapan, on the northern end of the island. Below, the town of San Jose, in the southwestern area, near where the Yanks struck. Airstrip is in foreground. —Associated Press Wirephotos.



LEYTE GUERRILLAS JOIN U. S. FORCES

Two young Filipinos who, with other guerrillas, fought the Japanese after enemy occupation of their islands, are shown after joining American forces on Leyte. First Lt. Engrocio Diaz (left), a company commander, was a scout with American troops when the Japanese took Leyte in 1942; at right is his 16-year-old aide, Mateo Dedil.
—Associated Press Wirephoto.



Christmas Beauty in St. Louis



"Etched in White" is the theme of this Christmas display at the Jewel Box, in Forest Park. In foreground is a sled on the artificial snow and in background is a frozen mill stream. The display will be open from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. daily and Sunday.

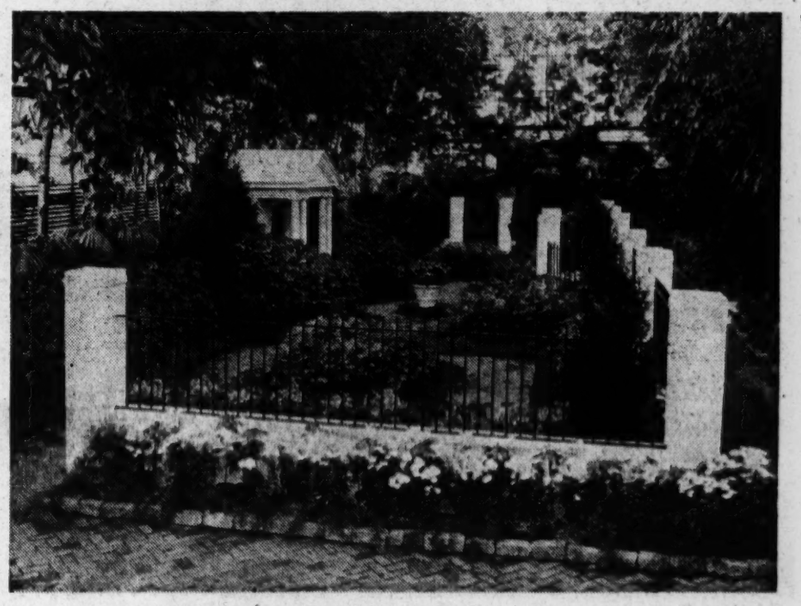


OPENING CAROLING SEASON Mayor Aloys P. Kaufmann joins a chorus of Rosati-Kain High School students in singing Christmas carols in his office this morning, to open the thirty-third caroling season. The group is one of many choruses which will sing in the downtown hotels Thursday and Friday. Collections go to aid crippled and underprivileged children.
—By a Post-Dispatch Staff Photographer.

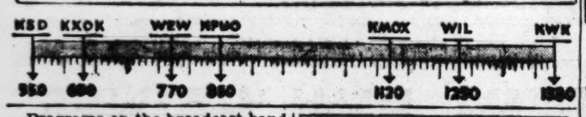


Poinsettias dominate this exhibit at the Board of Education Greenhouse, Field and Blow streets. The hours are 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily and Sunday.

This garden setting is part of the elaborate seasonal display at Shaw's Garden, 2315 Tower Grove avenue. It is open daily and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p. m.
—By a Post-Dispatch Staff Photographer.



ST. LOUIS RADIO STATIONS



Programs on the broadcast band scheduled for today include:

4 P. M.

KSD—GRAND HOTEL.
KFUO—Song Shop. KMOX—Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra. KWK—News; Records. WIL—Platter Parade; War Bond Brief. WEW—News; Catholic News. KXOK—Metropolitan Opera.
4:15 WEW—Afternoon Melodies.
4:30 KSD—JOHN W. VANDERCOOK, Comment.
KFUO—Open Bible. KWK—Records. WEW—Home Serenade. WIL—News; Teatime Tunes. KXOK—Music; News.
4:45 KSD—WAR BOND PROGRAM.
KFUO—Children's Program. KWK—Dispatch From Reuters. KXOK—Hello, Sweetheart.

5 P. M.

KSD—ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS; SCOTT FIELD BROADCASTER, Cpl. Frank Keshen.
KFUO—News. KMOX — News. KWK—Dance band. WEW—Grandpappy Jones. WIL—Stars of Songland. KXOK—Edward Tomlinson, comment.
5:15 KSD—I SUSTAIN THE WINGS.
KFUO—Sports. KMOX—News. KWK—Music; News. WIL—Oldtimer Revue. KXOK—Dance orchestra.
5:30 KSD—ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS.
KFUO—Pilgrim Church Program. KMOX—OPA Speaker. KWK—Pacific Powerhouse. WIL—News; Spike Jones & Co.
5:45 KSD—SOMETHING FOR THE GIRLS. KMOX—The World Today; Sports. WIL—Swingtime. KXOK—News; sports.

6 P. M.

KWK — 6 P. M.
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KSD—NEWS AND SPORTS, Harold Grams and Ellis Veech.
KFUO—Religious Journals. KMOX—Mayor of the Town. KWK—News. WIL—Dance orchestra. KXOK—Correspondents Abroad.
6:15 KSD—FRANKIE MASTERS ENTERTAINERS.
KFUO—Sabbath Eve Melodies. KWK—Records. WIL—The Weather; Treasury Salute. KXOK—Leland Stowe, comment.
6:30 KSD—CALL TO ARMS: Russ David and the KSD orchestra, Gettye Bennett, Bert Granville, the Four Notables, Cpl. Frank Keshen.
KMOX—America in the Air. WIL—News; Rhythm Intermesso. KXOK—Meet Your Navy.
6:45 WIL—Just Relax.

7 P. M.

KSD—GASLIGHT GAYETIES, with Beatrice Kay, Michael O'Shea, Charles Dant's Orchestra.
KMOX—Kenny Baker Show. Guest: Ella Mae Morse. KWK—Confidentially Yours. WIL—Santa Claus. KXOK—Early American Dance Music.
7:15 KWK—Secretary of the Treasury Henry A. Morgenthau. WIL—Toyland Revue.
7:30 KSD—TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, Ralph Edwards, M. C.
KMOX—The U. S. in Peace and War. KWK—Detroit Symphony Orchestra. WIL—News; Semper Paratus. KXOK—Boston Symphony Orchestra.
7:45 WIL—Li'l Dance Time.
7:55 KMOX—Bob Trout, comment.

8 P. M.

KSD—NATIONAL BARN DANCE; Joe Kelly, Pat Buttram, Hoosier Hot Shots, Lulu Belle and Scotty, the Dinning Sisters.
KMOX—Hit Parade. KWK—Results Inc. WIL—Youth for Christ. KXOK—Boston Symphony Orchestra.
8:30 KSD—CAN YOU TOP THIS?
KWK—Hello Mom. WIL—News; Rocking Chair Time. KXOK—Sammy Kaye's Spotlight Band; Quick Quiz.
8:45 KMOX—Saturday Night Serenade. WIL—Meet the Band.

9 P. M.

KSD—BARRY WOOD-PATSY KELLY SHOW. Guest: Linda Darnell.
KWK — News. WIL — Harlem Rhythm. KXOK—Guy Lombardo. WGN (720)—Chicago Theater of the Air.
9:15 KMOX—The Al Pearce Show. KWK—These Are Your Neighbors. WIL—Jive Interlude.
9:30 KSD—GRAND OLE OPRY.
KWK—American Eagle in Britain. WIL—News; Sparklers. KXOK — The Man Called "X."
9:45 KMOX—World News. WIL—Sports Final.

10 P. M.

KSD—STARRING CURT MASSEY.
KMOX—Pleasure Parade. KWK—Hillbilly Jamboree. WIL—The 78 RPM Club. KXOK—News.
10:15 KSD—NEWS COMMENTARY BY LT. COL. JAMES STEVENSON.
KMOX—Public Affairs. KXOK—Congressman Emanuel Celler of New York: "Ratification of Treaties."
10:30 KSD—ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS.
KMOX—Old Fashioned Barn Dance. KXOK—Hoosier Hop.
10:45 KSD—DANCE MUSIC; SUNDAY POST-DISPATCH RESUME.
KXOK—Hoosier Hop; News.

11 P. M.

KSD—ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS; THOMAS PELUSO'S ORCHESTRA.
KWK—News; WIL—Dawn Patrol. KMOX—Barn Dance. KXOK—George Paxton's Orchestra.
11:15 KWK—Benny Strong's Orchestra.
11:30 KSD—ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS; THREE SUNS TRIO.
KMOX—Musical Hour. KWK—Hal McIntyre's orchestra. KXOK—Emil Vanda's orchestra.
11:45 KSD—LEE SIMS, pianist.
KWK—Hal McIntyre's Orchestra.

12 MIDNIGHT

KSD—ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS; LET'S DANCE.

NEWS AND COMMENT ON KSD.
5, 5:30, 6, 6:45, 7, 7:45, 8:30, 11 a. m., 12 noon, 12:30, 12:45, 3, 4:30, 5, 5:30, 10:30, 11, 11:30 p. m., 12 midnight, 12:30 and 12:55 a. m.

WIL—Dawn Patrol. KMOX—Musical. KWK—News; Dance Band. KXOK—Music; News.
12:15 KWK—George Hamilton's Orchestra.
12:30 KSD—ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS; Let's Dance.
KMOX—Victory Patrol; News. KWK—George Hamilton's orchestra.
12:55 KSD—ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Glavone Miecieche — — — 5315 Bischoff
Mrs. Rosa Ingrascia — — — 1834A Edwards
Victor Hoff — — — — — —Granite City
Helen Sheehan — — — — — 4163 Flad
John W. Yanac — — — — — 1214 Calhoun
Mrs. Rosella R. Carroll—1326½ North Market
Robert H. Marshall — — — — —3138 Pine
Vinita Reynolds — — — — — —3138 Pine
Calvin Weiss — — — Kansas City, Mo
Shirley Ponfil — — — — — — —Clayton
William S. Hart — — — — — 2811 Eads
Agnes R. Smay — — — — — Sidman, Pa
Raymond J. Hasheider — — — —4346 Laclede
Hester M. Blackburn — — — —219 N. Sarah
Ora L. Zehner — — — — — Pontiac, Mich
Lorraine W. Bienz — — — 1408 E. Linton
Albert J. Jamison — — — — Louisville, Ky
Dorothy Randolph — — — 3856 St. Louis
Harry Dalin — — — — —1343A Arlington
Lillian L. Fiman — — — —5718 Waterman
Tommie Brown — — — — —3220 Lawton
Mrs. Clara Davis — — — —3118 Chouteau
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William D. Morris — — — — Camas, Wash.
Josephine Pellerito — — — 5919 Park Lane
Ray W. Thrasher — — — — —4322 McRee
Jean M. Teeling — — 2244A S. Jefferson
Roland C. Easter — — — — 5650 Pershing
Thelma Brown — — — — —5707 McPherson
John M. Singleton —600 N. Kingshighway
Genevieve U. Ruhmann — — —4909 Penrose
Marvin L. Owens — — — — 1515 S. 11th
Dorothy E. McClouskey—5222A S. Kingshighway
William T. Sogy — — — — 312 Duchouquette
Mrs. Nelle Mason — — — — —4116 Lee
Donald J. Cox — — — — —323 Christian
Mrs. Anna G. Cox — — — 1305 S. Broadway
William H. Trenwith — — — — 7012 Mitchell
Mrs. Bertha Billman — — —7012 Mitchell
Harold D. Robinson — — — 2823 Cherokee
Celeste L. Hartmann — — —4236A Chouteau
Clifford J. Doza — — — —St. Mary's Mo
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Robert L. Robertson — — — —Bessemer, Ala
Catherine Woods — — — —6103 S. Broadway
Arthur Mack — — — — — 2942A Thomas
Mrs. Gracie Lovett — — — —2942A Thomas
J. C. Preston Chelley — — — —4425A Easton
Willie B. Williams — — — — —1833 Biddle
Roy E. Taylor — — — — —4136A N. 11th
Cecelia S. Warner — — — — 4211 N. 9th
John A. Bartholomew — — —Maplewood, N. J
Dorothy E. Walter — — — —5930 McPherson
Joseph Kutten — — — — — — 463 Laurel
Carolyn J. Yalem — — — —St. Louis County
Robert L. Curtis — — — — —1516 Cass
Beatrice Wilson — — — — — 1822 Biddle
Wesley R. Witthaus — — — — —8406 Lowell
Alice Buddemeyer — — — — — 957 Harlan
Joseph L. Dunlap — — — — — 5120 Ridge
Florence I. Hull — — — —Webster Groves
Frank J. Schiavo — — — —5533 Holly Hills
Mary J. Stockero — — — — — 1330 Pierce
Leonard P. Kumpf — — — — —Sappington
Velma L. Klaus — — — — — —5255 Terry
Louis Orenstein — — — — — St. Louis
Frieda Koldun— — — — —1315 Goodfellow
Joseph G. Dalba — — — — —5219 Bischoff
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Dolores Burgert — — — —4742A Minnesota
Warren C. Kappler — — — — — 3231 Ohio
Gloria Bressmer — — — —5007 Pennsylvania
Glenn L. Vollmar — — —Baymondville, Mo
Evely E. Ward — — — — — —Maplewood
Leonard Nickleberry — — —1412 N. Jefferson
Alma Sneed — — — — — —314 S. Montrose

BIRTHS RECORDED.

Important to parents of children born in St. Louis: If your names do not appear in the birth column within two weeks after the birth of your child, call the physician or midwife and insist that a record be sent to the bureau.

BOYS.

H. and M. McGee, 2229 Cass.
D. and G. Grant, 3210A Lucas.
L. and E. Faerber (twins), Sappington.
J. and L. Collier, Oakdale, Ill.
J. and N. Wors, Webster Groves.
E. and M. Leary, 1957 Gravois.
A. and J. Goldfarb, University City.
E. and R. Gieserich, 2903 N. Jefferson.
H. and M. Roy, 913 Rutger.
J. and C. Chancellor, 6430 Idaho.
L. and I. Jones, 5924 Minerva.
B. and H. Hays, University City.
W. and B. Epstein, University City.
A. and D. Hauptfleisch, Waterloo, Ill.
G. and I. Buckpitt, 3728 Iowa.
J. and E. Majewski, 4611 McPherson.
R. and G. Calkins, Stratford, Conn.
H. and A. Lamberton, Clayton.
R. and J. Ingram, 4233A West Belle.
C. and V. Mann, 1107A Salisbury.
O. and O. Dick, 3935A Shaw.
R. and K. Jacobs, 3410 Washington.
B. and S. Ward, East St. Louis.
D. and R. Webb, 4331A N. 20th.
J. and M. Gahan (twin), Normandy.
W. and T. Kennf, 3741 Cote Brilliante.
K. and V. Fralley, St. Louis County.
J. and J. Jones, 1402 Park.
J. and B. Vogan, 1807 N. Grand.
R. and H. Monje, 4174 Delmar.
H. and V. Uptain, Pine Lawn.
H. and V. Pohlman, 4645A Natural Bridge.
W. and M. Hennessey, 4033 Peck.
R. and M. Spillenkoethen, 4029 Palm.
L. and M. Hallibarton, Jennings.
R. and J. Green, Ferguson.
C. and L. Strickland, University City.
S. and V. Pribble, 2241 Cass.
H. and V. Hencken, Kirkwood.
R. and M. Evans, Webster Groves.

GIRLS.

C. and V. Sutton, 2818 Franklin.
S. and A. Moore, 3300A Laclede.
S. and L. Boykins, 1027 Armstrong.
P. and V. Mabry, 1921 Oregon.



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RADIO FAVORITES TODAY

Variety and Comedy.

P. M.
7:00 KSD, Gaslight Gayeties; Michael O'Shea, Beatrice Kay.
8:00 KSD, National Barn Dance; Joe Kelley, Pat Buttram.
9:30 KSD, Grand Old Opry; Roy Acuff, m. c.; Whitey Ford, the Duke of Paducah; Smoky Mountain Boys.

Quiz Shows.

P. M.
7:30 KSD, Truth or Consequences; Ralph Edwards, quizmaster.

Music.

P. M.
1:00 KXOK, Metropolitan Opera, "Faust"; Raoul Jobin in title role; Ezio Pinza as Mephistopheles; Licia Albanese as Marguerite; Martial Singher as Valentin.
2:00 KSD, hour-long concert by Kansas City Philharmonic Orchestra: Haydn's "Surprise" Symphony and music by Barber and Khatchurian; soloist, Carol Brice, Negro contralto; conductor, Efrem Kurtz (first of an Orchestra of the Nation series).
4:00 KMOX, concert by Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, Rimsky-Korsakoff's "Scheherazade" Suite.
7:30 KXOK, Boston Symphony Orchestra, Dimitri Mitropoulos conducting: Mendelssohn's "Scotch" Symphony; Morton Gould's "Spirituals."
KWK, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Walter Krueger conducting.
8:00 KMOX, Hit Parade; Frank Sinatra, Joan Edwards, Mark Warnow's orchestra.
WGN, Chicago Theater of the Air; "Sari."
8:30 KXOK, Spotlight Bands.
8:45 KMOX, Saturday Night Serenade; Jessica Dragonette.
9:00 KSD, Barry Wood-Patsy Kelly Show; Million-Dollar Band; Double Daters; guest, Linda Darnell.

Drama.

P. M.
9:30 KXOK, Herbert Marshall in "The Man Called X."

DIVORCES GRANTED.

Milton J. from Bernetta Wilson.
LaVera A. from Earle W. Magness.
Charlotte L. from Charles W. Erb.
Clyde from James Coleman.
William S. from Virginia Hart.
Carl W. from Sadie E. L. Kronsbein.
Edith E. from Arthur P. Knoke.
Fred from Nellie Bingman.
Margaret P. from Joseph Anton Marchlewski.
Nettie V. W. from Clifford Breslie.
Allene from Arthur Thuerwaechter.
Jesse D. from Belle Henderson.
Beatrice M. from Myron B. Barron.
Ruby J. from Edward D. Coleman.
Marion from Leslie Card.
Margaret from Leo Robinson.
John W. from Cecile Wallace.
Ruby A. from Andy Vollmar.
Ollie D. from Edward G. Forshee.
Dorothy from Arlin F. Kohrmann.
Henry W. from Mildred Johannes.
Helen R. from Thomas F. Manion.
Paulina from Leslie Case.
Frank from Myrtle Reader.
Thomas from Joan Ryan.
Herman from Grace B. Bimslager.
Lottie J. from Willis M. Allen.

VIOLINIST ISAAC STERN IS SYMPHONY SOLOIST

Returns for Concerts Tonight and Tomorrow at Auditorium.

Isaac Stern, violinist, will return to St. Louis to appear as guest soloist with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Vladimir Golschmann, tonight and tomorrow afternoon in Kiel Auditorium. He will play with the orchestra the Mendelssohn Concerto in E minor.

Golschmann will present two works new to St. Louis at the week end concerts. One is the world premier performances of a "Sinfonia Tripartite" by the Italian composer, Vittori Rieti, living at present in New York City. The other new work is an Adagio by the seventeenth century Italian violinist and composer, Arcangelo Corelli.

Stern first appeared here last year, playing the Brahms violin concerto, and was immediately re-engaged. He spent the summer playing for troops overseas under the auspices of the USO.

The remainder of the orchestral portion of the program will contain a performance of Beethoven's Seventh Symphony, the one which Wagner called the "apotheosis of the dance."

JOHNNY WEISSMULLER OFFERS TO BE LUPE VELEZ PALLBEARER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 16 (AP).—Hollywood celebrities and friends who knew her have volunteered to be pallbearers for Lupe Velez, Mexican actress who ended her life Thursday. Funeral services may be held Monday. Among the volunteers is Johnny (Tarzan) Weissmuller, her former husband.

Coroner Frank Nance announced there would be no inquest. Her will, filed yesterday, named Mrs. Beulah Kinder, her secretary, as executrix of the estate, estimated in excess of $200,000. The will, dated May 14, 1942, bequeathed one-third of the estate to Mrs. Kinder and provided a trust fund for Miss Velez's mother, Josefina Velez, of Alycapozalco, Mexico.

The seat at Hollywood Legion Stadium which Miss Velez had occupied each Friday night for years to watch the fights, was spotlighted last night. Fight spectators stood while a bugler sounded taps.

MRS. FLORENCE B. STERNBERG ESTATE VALUED AT $173,742

The estate of Mrs. Florence B. Sternberg, who died Oct. 14, was valued at $173,742 in an inventory filed in Probate Court yesterday. In her will she made special bequests totaling $11,000 and placed the residue of her estate in trust. A brother, Leo S. Bauman, receives one-third of the income, and the remaining two-thirds goes to a sister, Mrs. Ethel Ullman.

Mrs. Sternberg was the widow of Jerome A. Sternberg, millinery manufacturer, and resided at the Park Plaza Hotel.

Flashes of Life

By the Associated Press.

Request Number.

SPOKANE, Wash. — Sentenced to a jail term oh a contempt of court charge, a prisoner addressed Judge Ralph Foley: "Thank you, Your Honor. I need a rest."

Jackpot.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—The "take home pay" of six railroad workers was more than $100 each when they found $663 in currency under a railroad bridge near here. The bridge is the same under which more than $2500 has been found in recent months.

Glad to Accommodate.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—More than 30 calls were received in response to a newspaper want advertisement offering for rent "newly decorated single apartment; all utilities; must have baby."

Mrs. Robert E. Hunter, whose husband is in the Army overseas, and her 22-month-old son got the apartment.

Orville D. Morse, owner of the apartment house, explained his policy was to rent only to families with children.

JAP RESISTANCE ENDED IN BHAMO, NORTH BURMA

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, Dec. 16 (AP).—The last organized Japanese resistance in the North Burma town of Bhamo was crushed yesterday. Capture of Bhamo is expected to release another powerful Chinese force for the push south toward the old Burma road.

Only a few snipers remained from a Japanese suicide force, originally estimated 1200 men, which had held out for weeks in the by-passed town, 80 miles south of Myitkyina.

Bhamo fell to the Chinese Thirty-eighth Division which laid siege to the enemy's fortress of teakwood logs, described by an American liason officer as "the best defense system yet encountered in North Burma."

Meanwhile, forward units of the British Fourteenth Army advanced southeast of Maungdaw and within 40 miles of Akyab, on the west Burma coast, under combined British-American air cover.

In the Arakan hills, all the territory west of the Kalapanzin River has now been reoccupied. Other British forces have cleared Buthedaung, 60 miles north of Akyab, and have continued their advance southward along the dense Mayu range terrain.

New Trial Denied Tax Dodger.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16 (AP).—United States District Judge John P. Barnes yesterday denied a motion for a new trial for William R. Johnson, Chicago gambler convicted of income tax evasion. Johnson was sentenced to five years in prison and fined $10,000 in 1940 after a jury found him and five associates guilty of conspiring to evade payment of $1,887,664 on Johnson's income for 1936-1939.

MOVIE TIME

AMBASSADOR
"Laura," at 10:30, 1:23, 4:16, 7:09, 10:02; "Moonlight and Cactus," at 12:23, 3:16, 6:09, 9:02.

FOX
"Bowery to Broadway," at 12:30, 3:33, 6:36, 9:30; "The Great Mike," at 2:15, 5:22, 8:25.

LOEW'S STATE
"Marriage Is a Private Affair," at 10:50, 1:07, 3:24, 5:41, 7:58, 10:15, 12:32 a. m. Sunday.

MISSOURI
"Merry Monahans," at 12:30, 3:35, 6:40, 9:45; "San Diego, I Love You," at 2:12, 5:17, 8:22.

ORPHEUM
"Meet Me in St. Louis," at 10:15, 12:26, 2:47, 5:08, 7:29, 9:50.

SHUBERT
"The Doughgirls," at 12:30, 3:45, 7, 10:15; "Something for the Boys," at 2:10, 5:25, 8:40.

ST. LOUIS
"Barbary Coast," at 2:50, 6:25, 9:45; "Winterset," at 1:34, 5:09, 8:29.

ART THEATER
"New Gulliver," at 7:15, 9.

Tomorrow's Events

Exhibit, City Art Museum, 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., paintings by Charles Burchfield; work by St. Louis Negro artists, American color prints; talks, 2:30 p. m. and 4:30 p. m., "Roman Cinerary Urn"; Carols, 4 p. m., by Girl Scout Carolers; Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, Old Courthouse, 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., in the National Expansion Rooms, "Clay Industries of St. Louis," illustrated talk, 3 p. m., "The Erie and Other Canals"; Campbell House, 1508 Locust, 10:30 a. m. to 5 p. m.; Missouri Historical Society, Jefferson Memorial, Forest Park, 9:30 a. m. to 5 p. m., "Pioneer Theaters and Early St. Louis Hotels"; Central Public Library, 9 a. m. to 9 p. m., Christmas posters; The Bookshop, 386 North Euclid, 3 p. m. to 5:30 p. m., 7:30 p. m. to 10:30 p. m., paintings by Martyle; Eugene Field House 1 p. m. to 5 p. m.; St. Louis Artists' Guild, 812 Union boulevard, 3 p. m. to 5 p. m., annual exhibition by local artists; Eleanor Smith Galleries, 393 North Euclid, 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., oil and portraits by Wallace Bassford.

Talk, Dr. A. C. Phillips, 9:30 a. m., Sheldon Memorial, 3648 Washington, "What the Negro Wants."

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'TOPPER!'

AUBERT 4949 Easton
Paulette Goddard, 'I Love a Soldier!'
Johnny Weissmuller, 'Tarzan's Desert Mystery!'
CAPITOL 6th & Chestnut Open 11 A.M.
'Are These Our Parents?' See the Snake Kiss! 'Dangerous Journey' Late show tonite at 2 A.M.
COLUMBIA Starts 6:30 4247 SOUTHWEST
Paulette GODDARD Sonny TUFTS
'I LOVE A SOLDIER'
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CONGRESS 4023 Olive Open 5:00
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POWHATAN 3111 Sutton Maplewood
Robert Taylor, Vivien Leigh, 'Waterloo Bridge!'
Arthur Lake, 'The Ghost That Walks Alone!'
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L. Arthur, C. Coburn, 'The Impatient Years!' M. O'Driscoll, 'Allergic to Love!'
VICTORY 5955 Easton Open 1:00
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IF YOU ASK My OPINION

By MARTHA CARR

Dear Martha Carr:

I AM a boy of 18 and will leave for boot camp before long. I have been going steady with a girl I love very much. She says she loves me, too, but called me the other night to tell me she doesn't want to go steady any more. Later I phoned her and she said she'd think the matter over, but hasn't changed her mind as yet. I think she is being influenced by her girl friend with whom she has chummed for five years. This girl is always around, and my girl friend doesn't want to have a date unless her girl friend can go along too, and I can't always get a boy for her, and I really think this is at the bottom of the trouble. I love my girl friend, no other girl has ever appealed to me, and I do want to keep on going steady with her. What shall I do? LOVESICK.

Letters intended for this column must be addressed to Martha Carr at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Mrs. Carr will answer all questions of general interest, but of course, cannot give advice on matters of a purely legal or medical nature. Those who do not care to have their letters published may enclose an addressed and stamped envelope for personal reply.

You and the girl are very young to be making any promises, and I am sure when you think the matter over you would prefer, in fairness to her, to leave her free until after the war. You can be just as good friends, and it will be much more generous to allow her to go out and have her usual good times even though you aren't there to enjoy them with her. She may have had these thoughts in mind herself, rather than have been influenced in any way by her girl friend. Until you go to camp ask her if she won't go out with you minus the girl friend, as a kind of going away present! I feel sure she will.

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Dear Martha Carr:

I AM A BOY of 19. I live with my brother and his wife. My sister-in-law has a cousin, age 17, in whom I have become very interested. I would like very much to ask her for a date but am not sure she would go out with me, don't know that she cares for me. I am also afraid that the older people won't like me asking her. Strange as it may seem this girl is the first one that has ever interested me. What shall I do? CONFUSED.

A girl who is related to your brother's wife should be very easy for you to become friends with. Why don't you take her under your wing, suggest she go to some of the parties or places of amusement your crowd goes to? If the family would be inclined to frown down on single dating for her, they would not object to this I am sure. As to how to ask her just tell her the crowd is having a party Saturday night, and ask her if she would like to go wit hyou. My "Masculine Popularity' leaflets has some good suggestions for the boy who is just starting to date, and you shall have it if you will send me a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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IN ANSWER TO "Deserted One": You are the only one who can determine when you have come to your limit of endurance. Most women would have reached it long ago, accorded the treatment you have received. It is quite possible a show of independence on your part would wake your husband up. Your mother-in-law is now on your side and I should think that between the two of you you could manage to care for the children until he comes to his senses. He seems to have little regard for you, for his own self-respect or for his business success when he acts as he has been doing. If the temporary separation doesn't straighten him out then it will be up to you to decide whether to make it permanent. Be sure to see to it that he provides for the youngsters whether the separation is temporary or permanent, proportionate to the very good salary he is making.

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IN ANSWER TO "Janie": I don't think the cousinship is close enough for you to worry about, providing you come from healthy stock. It might make you feel easier in your mind, however, to talk the matter over with your doctor. If your church approves of the marriage within this degree of kindred and your doctor says go ahead, why should two whose parents are mere third cousins, continue to worry?

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IN ANSWER TO "Worried": The only thing for you to do will be to take your mother into your confidence at once. She will know what will be best to do and can act accordingly.

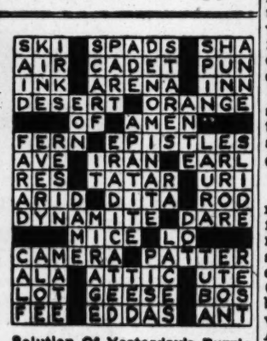
Crossword Puzzle

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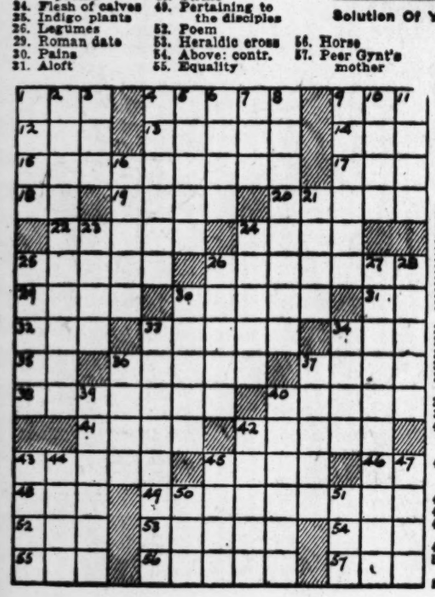
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4. Precipitous
9. Epoch
12. Meadow
13. Land: Latin
14. Kind of ape
15. Divination by the stars
17. Relatives
18. Atlantic coastal state: abbr.
19. Painting medium
20. Resources
22. Long narrative poems
24. Flesh of calves
25. Indigo plants
26. Legumes
29. Roman date
30. Pains
31. Aloft
32. Oriental dwelling
33. Organs of sight
34. Little: Scotch
35. Type measure
36. Burn slightly
37. Couple
38. Peculiar
40. Mends with thread or yarn
41. Opposite of a weather
42. Nerve networks
43. Restaurants
45. Hindu queen
46. Sun god
48. Strike
49. Pertaining to the disciples
52. Poem
53. Heraldic cross
54. Above: contr.
55. Equality
56. Horse
57. Peer Gynt's mother

DOWN

1. Alack
2. Offspring
3. Cereal grass
4. Followers of Zeno
5. Relates
6. God of love
7. Unit of work
8. Moneys on account
9. Counteractive of acid
10. Profit
11. Sea eagles
16. Stirs up
21. Devours
22. Wharf
24. Brink
25. Assistants
26. Sudden thrust
27. Heavenly bodies
28. Boxes
30. Depend
23. Winter apples
24. Hindu garment
26. Period of lowered prices
27. Courtyard
39. Beam
40. Marked by small depressions
42. Prune or abridge: variant
43. Mince
44. Italian opera
45. Meaningless repetition
47. Land measure
50. Exactly suitable
51. African worm



Solution Of Yesterday's Puzzle



They'll Do It Every Time :-: By Jimmy Hatlo



Economical Menus for Tomorrow

By Meta Given

IF you want to make this one of the best and most remembered holiday seasons, make an all-out effort to entertain returning servicemen, or those perhaps ready to leave. Stay home and cook old favorites, and invite all the boys in uniform that you know, and have them bring along any others you don't know to share their holidays with you. This is no event for trying out novel foods or foods that are not generally liked. It's the time to cook the cranberries, make the stuffing, and the pie just like mother made it. Perhaps nothing will be more important than the fowl you will serve. Give it loving care from the time it is cleaned until it comes to the table. It must be tasty and tender. And this takes long, slow cooking. One of the best ways to cook the bird tender and just to the right stage of doneness is to spread either chicken, turkey, guinea hen or pheasant with softened margarine all over. Then take yeast bread dough — enough of it to wrap around the bird, and seal it up completely, making sure it is at least an inch thick all over. Bake in the usual way and for the usual time. At this point the dough will be as hard and brown as a nut shell. Just before putting it onto the hot platter, crack the shell and pull it away carefully from the bird and you'll find a tempting brown skin with all the savory odor sealed in and the meat delicious and juicy. Maybe you can buy the dough from your baker, if not then make up some extra when you start making your pan rolls.

BREAKFAST: Chilled tomato juice, crisp waffles with hot syrup, frizzled luncheon ham.

DINNER: Pork loin roast, glazed sweet potatoes, escalloped tomatoes, stewed apples, assorted relishes, lemon mousse.

Lemon Mousse.

This lemon mousse will satisfy your longing for a really good ice cream. It is one of the smoothest textured frozen desserts possible to obtain with home equipment. Pour one 14½-ounce can of evaporated milk into a refrigerator tray. Keep in the freezing compartment until crystallized. Remove to a chilled bowl, add one-half cup lemon juice and beat with a rotary beater until very stiff. Add three-fourths cup sugar, one-sixteenth teaspoon salt, and two teaspoons lemond rind, and continue to beat until the mixture is smooth and very fluffy. Pour into a large refrigerator tray, or two smaller ones and freeze for several hours or overnight. Eight servings.

SUPPER: Creamed dried beef and eggs on toast, chilled canned tomatoes, lemon mousse and orange cake.

Creamed Dried Beef and Eggs on Toast.

Melt three tablespoons butter or margarine, blend six tablespoons flour and gradually add two cups milk. Stir over direct heat until sauce boils and thickens. Add quartered hard-cooked eggs (three) and one-fourth pound dried beef, cut fine. Place over boiling water until heated thoroughly. Add salt last only if desired. Serve on four slices hot toast. Serve milk to drink in addition to the milk used in today's menus, three cups for each child, on cup for each adult.

Italian Spaghetti

One pound chopped meat (beef or beef, pork and veal); one onion, chopped; one clove garlic, minced; one-half green pepper, chopped; one tablespoon flour; one and one-half tablespoons salt; one-fourth teaspoon pepper; one No. 2½ can or 3½ cups tomatoes; one teaspoon sugar; two teaspoons Worcestershire sauce; few grains cayenne; one 8-ounce package of spaghetti; one cup grated Parmesan type cheese.

Put chopped meat into a skillet, without grease, and fry slowly until about half cooked. By this time most of the fat has been rendered from the meat. Pour if off and add the onion, pepper and garlic. Fry, with frequent stirring, until the onion is partly cooked, but not brown. Blend in the flour, add to the tomatoes. Add the rest of the seasonings and cook slowly for two hours. Boil the spaghetti in salted water for 12 minutes or until tender. Drain, pour over the sauce, and stir in a cup of grated cheese.

My Day -o- By Eleanor Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Friday.

DO you ever reach a point where you have so many new books piled up on your table that you feel almost desperate about ever finding the time to delve inside them?

Last night I spent a little time looking through Margaret Bourke-White's "They Called It Purple Heart Valley." The pictures are, of course, wonderfully interesting. They could not fail to be because of their subjects. I have not yet read the story that goes with the pictures, but anything about the Italian front must have enough of the heroic to make it vastly interesting to an American citizen.

There is another short book on a subject in which every one of us is deeply interested at the present time. It is called "What to Do With Germany," by Louis Nizer. I think everyone should read it. It gives a picture of what education has done to the German youth. We must remember that education will do this same thing to youth in any country, and there is no one who comes in contact with the young Nazi who will not bear out all Mr. Nizer says on this subject.

Unconditional surrender is one thing, but the final stamping out of Nazism and Fascism must be done in every country in the world, and in every individual. This system came to its highest development in Nazi Germany and in Japan, and if we are successful there, we will be successful in other places as well. This book of Mr. Nizer's seems to me one of the "must" books for us all.

Then there is a little book by E. Stanley Jones, called "The Christ of the American Road," which I think we might keep on our bedside tables to read a chapter at a time just before we go to sleep. Each chapter requires a little reflection, since it is not just a book to read, but a book which should affect our way of living.

Lastly, I have just finished Gwethalyn Graham's "Earth and High Heaven." I do not recommend it for the very young, but I do recommend it for the mature who know human nature and its evils as well as its virtues. I recommend it because it deals with prejudices—in this case with only one particular prejudice, but the pattern repeats itself wherever prejudices are allowed to flourish. We never know where prejudices will lead us. Neither do we know how often we use our prejudices to excuse or cloak motives and emotions which we would be ashamed to bring into the light of day if we had to face them without something as a camouflage to cover them over. Erica Drake was a wonderful character. Torn by many loyalties, she still knew that there was one supreme loyalty—the loyalty to one's own inward sense of what is right for oneself.

Your Stars

By Marion Drew

WHAT TO EXPECT TOMORROW.

Sun in Sagittarius.

General Tendencies—The crescent moon should be very beautiful at this time, and is in splendid relationship to the fortunate planet Jupiter, which should be strong for hospitality and finances tomorrow. Probably the hours after four in the afternoon will be most beneficial for you, but even then there is an element of surprise present; you may meet new people or find your old friends developing new traits.

If Tomorrow Is Your Birthday.

The first half of 1945 looks rather dull; there are delays and obstacles all along your pathway. If you will wait until the midsummer, however, you will find this condition changing. At that time you can make friends, travel and find stimulating interests all about you. Remember that you cannot get through the next two years without many drastic readjustments in your life.

Tomorrow's Watchword.

The French classics always interest me, because they show such a clear-cut, logical and realistic attitude toward life. Here is a sentence from Moliere: "If everyone were clothed with integrity, if every heart were just, frank, kindly, the other virtues would be well-nigh useless, since their chief purpose is to make us bear with patience the injustice of our fellows." Perhaps it is apropos to say that this is from the play, "The Misanthrope," the word meaning a cynical sort of a fellow.

WHAT TO EXPECT MONDAY

Sun in Sagittarius.

General Tendencies — All artistic and musical interests will flourish Monday, even if this is not your customary mode of thought. Be sure to watch about 6 o'clock that night for the conjunction of the new moon with the planet Venus in the western sky; if the weather is clear this should be an exceptionally beautiful sight—and not too common, either. The evening hours are good for all amusements and entertainment.

If Monday Is Your Birthday.

This will be a strong year for love affairs for you. They may not begin until next Summer, however, and do not seem strong on the financial side, but those two things seldom go together, anyway. Watch your business affairs all through the first three months of 1945, because you have a chance of losing money unless you are careful, and this misfortune may extend to other members of your family as well.

Monday's Watchword—Monday's degree of the Zodiac is related very definitely to the subject of glass. People born at this time may collect old glass or become antique dealers, or in some way find this material important in business to them. The sign Sagittarius governs the material of which glass is made, also, and I have found in my own acquaintance a number of interesting persons who were authorities upon old glass and who had this sign strong in their horoscopes.

Take My Word for It

By Frank Colby

SATURDAY MISCELLANY

FORT EDWARD: If "anchors aweigh" is correct, why don't flyers use the expression "bombs aweigh"?—B. L. B.

Answer: An anchor that is "aweigh" is raised from the bottom. To "weigh anchor" is to raise the anchor preparatory to getting a ship "under way." In the famous song of the U. S. Naval Academy, "anchors aweigh" means "up with the anchors." The term "bombs away" means that the bombs have been released and are on their way down to the target.

Cincinnati: In a recent broadcast, Gertrude Lawrence sang a song in which she pronounced La Marseillaise (French national anthem) as "luh maHr-suh-LAY." Isn't that—well, rather unorthodox?—B. B.

Answer: It's neither French nor English. Correct: la mar-seh-YEZ.

Scottsdale: Why is the nave of a church so called?—L. C.

Answer: Nave is from the Latin navis, "a ship." There are three theories: (a) the resemblance of the vaulted room to the keel of a ship; (b) the resemblance of the long and narrow nave to a ship; (c) medieval use of the word "ship" to designate the church.

Jesup: I've found only two or three persons in hundreds I've talked with who pronounce height correctly. Why is this?—Mrs. W. H.

Answer: The erroneous "hydth" is the result of false analogy and close association with the companion words length, width, and breadth. But height, of course, does not end in "th." We should say: hite, to rhyme with "bite, mite."

A similar excrescent "th" is frequently heard in pronouncing triumph, as "TRY-umpth." But triumph ends with the sound of "f," thus: TRY-umf.

Zucchini With Herbs

Two pounds zucchini, four tablespoons salad oil, one tablespoon lemon juice, one tablespoon parsley, minced; one tablespoon wild marjoram, minced.

Cut zucchini lengthwise and then into pieces about three inches long. Heat the salad oil with the lemon juice, parsley and marjoram and slowly saute the zucchini for 10 to 15 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally.

A Big Time Doctor in a Small Town

By Logan Clendening, M. D.

SOME years ago a book called "The Horse and Buggy Doctor" became a bestseller. It was a series of reminiscences marked by a natural narrative gift and homely but very real humor. Those of us who lived out in the wilds of Missouri and Kansas did not need to be introduced to the author, Dr. A. E. Hertzler of Halstead, Kan.

He posed as a commonsense horse and buggy doctor, practicing in the country. He had commonsense all right, but those of us who knew him disregarded his pose because to our knowledge he was one of the best informed, most brilliant and learned surgeons of the country. He chose to practice in a small town because he chose to practice in a small town.

Now he has published a book entitled "Ventures in Science of a Country Surgeon." As a frontispiece he has a photograph of a wooden shack "The laboratory of experimental surgery," 10x12 feet, which he built in his back yard. The plumbing a bucket and a dipper: heating radiation from the occupants, sterilizing room the family kitchen.

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YET HERE HE MADE some of the most important researches in America in our generation. They have been recorded in a series of books on Wound Healing, The Peritoneum, Treatise on Tumors, Local Anaesthesia, a series of Surgical Pathologies of different parts of the body and numerous papers in scientific journals.

It is a terrible lesson to those who have to have 10 million dollar laboratories to turn out any research.

Dr. Hertzler still exists. He visits me now and then. He is not exactly a handsome man and his worst enemies could not say he is a foppish dresser. But I can imagine no one except Dr. Samuel Johnson that I would rather have a talk with.

About chronic appendicitis — chronic, mind you, not acute as a cause of indigestion—he says—"To discuss a disease that never existed would needs be a satire on medical credulity." About it he coined the Phrase—"Surgical operations for revenue only."

He once encountered a surgeon who said he could tell from looking at microscoptic slides of a cystic ovary exactly what symptoms the patient had. (I do not mean a big tumor of a cystic ovary; just ordinary sized ovaries with cysts.) Dr. Hertzler showed him a slide. The surgeon described the patient's sufferings—a gosh awful pain in the groin referred to the back and down the leg, even ending in convulsions. Then he turned to Dr. Hertzler and asked —"Am I right?" Dr. Hertzler said he didn't know: he got the specimen from a pig at the slaughter house.

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WHEN HE WAS approached to compile his treatise on tumors by Mr. Lea, the distinguished Philadelphia medical publisher, he got some good advice about how to write. It will do for young aspirants yet. "Just imagine," he was told, "that you are going to send the manuscript by telegraph, and you are going to pay the bill."

Dr. Hertzler's rhetorical style is, in my opinion, the best of any medical writer in English in our time. It is a delight to read and keeps the reader going. He never uses a stilted word when a common one will do. My suggestion for an epitaph for him is—"Whenever he was tempted to write "is not" he changed it to "ain't."

The great and important lesson of this career is that a man can do as good work in medical science in a rural community as in a city, if he wants to. Probably the greatest problem of American medicine is to get the doctors back on the farm. That is why the Wagner-Murray bill is making so many friends, in spite of the doctors' opposition.

In Dad Hertzler we all have an example and an inspiration.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

H. C. K.: Would an ulcer of the stomach cause haemorrhage from the stomach? Is it serious? Is there a complete cure?

Answer: Yes, ulcer is the commonest cause of the vomiting of blood. It is of all degrees of seriousness, depending on how much blood is lost. Sometimes it is very serious. Treatment by diet and alkalis continued faithfully over a long period of time results in cure in about 90 per cent of cases.

How It Started

By Jean Newton

"Catastrophe."

The Germans have discovered a new way to keep up spirits on the home and fighting fronts a little longer. It is this: The use of the word "catastrophe" in military documents is verboten. Also, the order reads, "the word 'catastrophe' will be eliminated from the vocabulary in general. The word 'emergency' may be used."

So Germany's writers of communiques will stretch "emergency" to cover the pulverization of Aachen, the debacle in the Balkans, the fall of Metz and imminent disaster on the holy soil of East Prussia. Thus Germany will overwhelm the United Nations by a miracle—a miracle of understatement couched in concealing words.

The word "catastrophe" furnishes an interesting study. In German as in English it is used synonymously with "disaster" and "calamity." More correctly, however, it is associated with a special kind of misfortune, one with a greater degree of finality—something, in short, that involves an upset, an overturn of the normal order or arrangement of things.

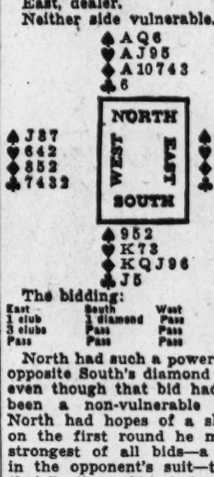
This is because "catastrophe" comes from two Greek words meaning "upside down." It is freighted with the sense of upheaval, whence derive its applications to broken fortunes and irretrievable.

Contract Bridge

By Ely Culbertson

THE declarer in today's deal had to do an admirable job of card placing to bring home his game contract.

East, dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.



The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 club	1 diamond	Pass	2 clubs
3 clubs	Pass	Pass	5 diamonds
Pass	Pass	Pass	

North had such a powerful hand opposite South's diamond bid that even though that bid had merely been a non-vulnerable overcall, North had hopes of a slam. So, on the first round he made the strongest of all bids—a cue bid in the opponent's suit—to insure that South would not stop short of game, and then when East relieved South of obligation to hold the bidding open, by rebidding the clubs, North jumped all the way to game in his partner's suit.

As it happened, however, South had his work cut out for him despite the strength and "fit" of the North hand. West led the club deuce; East won and led another high club as his only safe exit. Dummy ruffed, and trumps were drawn in three rounds, East discarding clubs. Now declarer faced the problem of how to avoid the loss of two spade tricks, even if he could trap the heart queen. It was quite possible, of course, that a finesse to the jack might hold and that then the entire suit might be run.

Considering the bidding, however, South did not think much of his chances along that line. East could not have held much outside of his club suit for his rebid at the three level, hence it was likely that in addition to the spade king with which he was marked, he also had the heart queen. Acting on that analysis South cashed the heart king, led to the ace and returned the heart jack. East, in with the queen, was then invited to find a safe return!

Christmas Decoration

With a shortage of the usual decorative materials, ingenuity will play a part in home decoration this Christmas. An inexpensive and attractive suggestion for home use is shown in one floral display which makes a centerpiece of a large bowl of green leafy branches from which are hung small red Christmas tree ornaments. Almost any of the green leafy house plants could be decorated in similar fashion.

Avocado Ring Salad

One cup mashed avocado, one package lemon gelatin, one cup boiling water, one cup sour cream, one cup mayonnaise, lettuce.

Pour boiling water over gelatin and stir until dissolved. Cool. Add sour cream, mayonnaise and avocado. Turn into an eight-inch ring or individual small ring molds which have been rinsed in cold water. Chill until firm. Unmold on a bed of lettuce.

The first United States automobile road race was between Chicago and Libertyville in 1895, a 100-mile round trip.

Most Trouble With Children Self Imposed

By Angelo Patri

MOST of the trouble we have with little children is self-imposed. Sonny was an attractive baby, idolized by his father and mother who could not do enough for him. They thought that telling him stories, reading bright little bits to him as he ate his meals, was a happy idea. But the most delightful little ones grow older and stronger and surer. Sonny did and, feeling his power, demanded more and more attention, especially at mealtimes.

A second child arrived and there was not so much time to devote to Sonny's entertainment. This he resented loudly, violently, and insistently. Either mother read to him and father entertained him while he ate or he would not eat. So it was that a perfectly healthy intelligent little boy became a problem child at mealtime. It need never have happened.

It is easy to set the right habits in healthy babies. All that is needed is the impersonal schedule, the unbroken routine set by the clock. Routine matters like eating, bathing, sleeping, exercise, ought to be impersonal, matter-of-fact affairs. Nobody should inject personal feeling into any of them by saying such things as, "Now we will eat a nice breakfast." Come now, like a good child, eat this, for mamma." That way trouble lies.

The child is to eat because it is eating time. That's all. No talk about it. The same rule stands for the other routine duties. There is no thought of their being anything out of the ordinary, of being neglected, of being a chore, or a favor to anybody. They just are.

There is pleasure in spoon feeding a child—sometimes. Wise mothers and nurses deprive themselves of that pleasure lest it become a grievous burden for them and for the child, mental and physical confusion, a checking of natural growth and of happy rhythmic development.

But suppose the mischief has been done? Sonny has been trained to entertainment while he eats. Find a way out by gradually lessening the attention, gradually directing the child's mind to other ways. Try, for example, putting off the story until dessert.

Once that is set, try another form of diversion after meals. He can turn on the radio, perhaps, after his meal is finished. He is to be taken on some pleasant trip, he is to feed Rover, he is to look at the new toy or the new book.

Gradually, and it will have to be very gradully, he is weaned back to self-help. Weaning him is slow and patient work. Maybe such an experience will assure the better training of the next baby.

My Neighbor Says:

Apples, flavored with maple syrup, honey or grape juice, and baked, taste good served with roast ham.

When buying fish remember that sunken eyes denote that fish have been held for a time.

If you store food in porcelain enameledware containers, you might heat it right in the container.

Do not thaw out frozen vegetables before cooking. You will lose the vitamin C if you do.

Butter won't be too hard if you remove it from the refrigerator a short time before using it.

TODAY'S PATTERNS



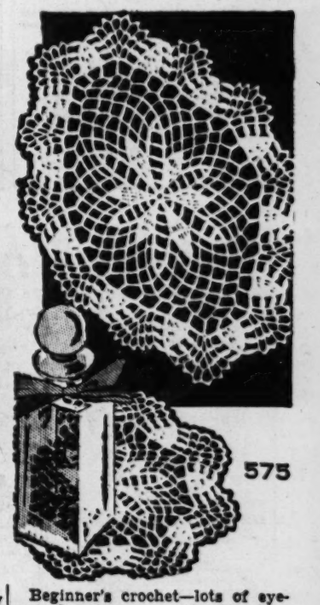
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GRIN AND BEAR IT—By Lichty



"I'd watch your boy friend's line, Sis. He just told me what lustrous pigtails I have, and how my buck teeth enhanced my beauty!"

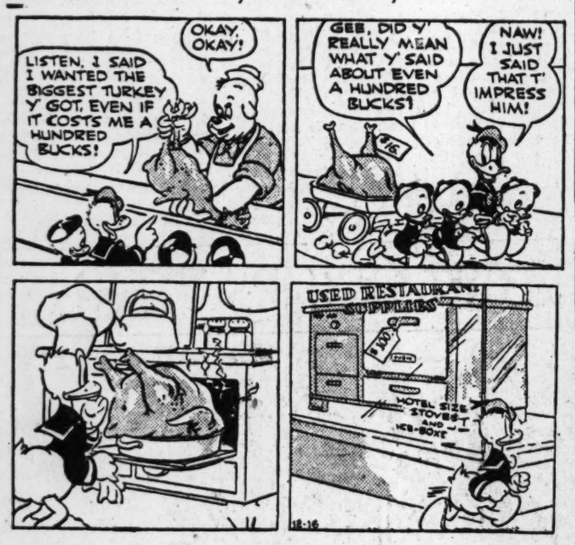
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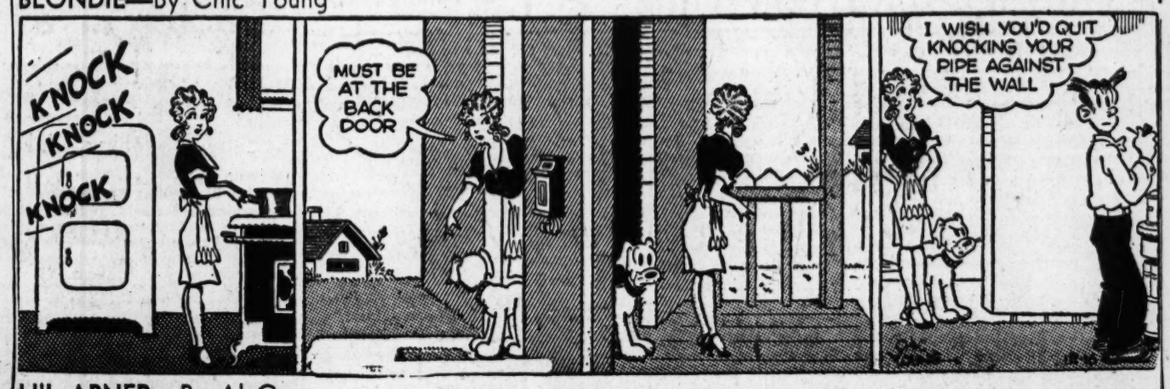
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"Poor guy can't grow any whiskers yet!"

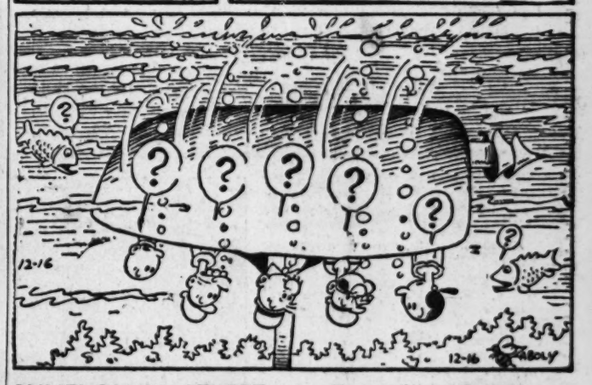
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